

# Quantisation of super Teichmüller theory

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**Abstract:** We construct a quantisation of the Teichmüller spaces of super Riemann surfaces using coordinates associated to ideal triangulations of super Riemann surfaces. A new feature is the non-trivial dependence on the choice of a spin structure which can be encoded combinatorially in a certain refinement of the ideal triangulation. By constructing a projective unitary representation of the groupoid of changes of refined ideal triangulations we demonstrate that the dependence of the resulting quantum theory on the choice of a triangulation is inessential.

## 1. Introduction

The quantum theories obtained by quantisation of moduli spaces of flat connections on Riemann surfaces are known to have deep connections with conformal field theory, quantum group theory, and the topology of three manifolds. A link between these three subjects is provided by the Chern-Simons theories associated to compact groups  $G$ .

The picture becomes even richer if the holonomy of the flat connections takes values in non-compact groups like  $G = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  or  $G = SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ . The relevant conformal field theories will then be non-rational, having continuous families of primary fields, see [1] for a recent review of some of these relations, and [2, 3] for recent progress on Chern-Simons theory with a complex gauge group.

More recently it was discovered that the quantum theories of flat connection capture profound non-perturbative information on  $\mathcal{N} = 2$ -supersymmetric gauge theories, see [4] for a review. The expectation values of certain loop observables in four-dimensional  $\mathcal{N} = 2$ -supersymmetric gauge theories coincide with the expectation values of natural observables in the quantum theory of moduli spaces of flat connections.

In the case which is currently best understood one is dealing with the connected component of the moduli space of flat  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ -connections which is isomorphic to the Teichmüller space of Riemann surfaces [5, 6]. The relevant observables then acquire an additional geometric interpretation as (quantized) geodesic length function. The corresponding conformal field theory is called Liouville theory. The study of Chern-Simons theories associated to non-compact groups appears to be an extremely promising young field of research expected to have various profound links with three-dimensional hyperbolic geometry.

The Teichmüller theory has an interesting and rich generalisation provided by the deformation theory of super Riemann surfaces. Initially motivated by superstring perturbation theory, there has been a lot of research (reviewed in [7]) on the complex analytic theory of super-Teichmüller spaces. There is a uniformisation theorem for super-Riemann surfaces, describing super Riemann surfaces as quotients of the super upper half plane by discrete subgroups of  $OSp(1|2)$  [8] providing us with an alternative picture on super Teichmüller theory similar to the perspective on ordinary Teichmüller theory offered by hyperbolic geometry. The theory of super Riemann surfaces should lead to interesting generalisations of two- and three-dimensional hyperbolic geometry, currently much less developed than the corresponding theories for ordinary Riemann surfaces.

It should, in particular, be interesting to develop the quantum theory of super Riemann surfaces. This may be expected to lead to a new class of invariants of three-manifolds. It is furthermore known that there are generalisations of the relation between four-dimensional  $\mathcal{N} = 2$ -supersymmetric gauge theories and conformal field theory discovered by Alday, Gaiotto and Tachikawa [9], where Super-Liouville theory appears instead of ordinary Liouville theory [10]. It seems likely that such generalisations are related to the quantum theory of super Riemann surfaces in a way that is analogous to the relations between gauge theories, Liouville theory and the quantum Teichmüller theory reviewed in [4].

In this paper we will develop the basic groundwork of the quantum theory of super Riemann surfaces. The approach is similar to the one used by Kashaev in [11] for the case of ordinary Teichmüller theory based on a suitable collection of coordinates associated to the triangles forming an ideal triangulation of the surface. An important new feature is the dependence of the resulting theory on the choices of spin structures. Following the approach of Cimasoni and Reshetikhin [12, 13], we will encode the choices of spin structures into combinatorial data called Kasteleyn orientations, suitably adapted to the triangulations of our interest.

A basic issue to address in any approach based on triangulations is to demonstrate the independence of the resulting quantum theory on the choice of triangulation. This can be done by constructing unitary operators relating the quantum theories associated to any two given triangulations. Being unitarily equivalent, one may identify the quantum theories associated to two different triangulations as different representations of one and the same quantum theory. The unitary operators representing changes of triangulations generate a projective representation of the super Ptolemy groupoid describing the transitions between suitably refined triangulations equipped with Kasteleyn orientations.

The paper is organised as follows. In the section 2 we review ordinary Teichmüller theory and its quantisation. We discuss how to parametrise the Te-

Teichmüller space using two sets of coordinates associated to triangulations which will have natural analogues in the case of super Teichmüller theory. We then proceed to discuss the quantisation of this theory and the projective representation of the Ptolemy groupoid relating the Hilbert spaces assigned to different triangulations.

In the section 3 we discuss the super Teichmüller theory. In order to encode the choices of spin structure we will refine the triangulations into graphs called hexagonalisations. Such graphs with chosen Kasteleyn orientations can be used to define super analogues of the shear coordinates [14]. Changes of hexagonalisations define an analogue of the super Ptolemy groupoid which can be characterised in terms of generators and relations.

The following section 4 describes the quantisation of the classical super Teichmüller theory. We define operators representing analogues of the coordinates used in the work of Fock [15] and Kashaev [11], respectively, as well as the generators of the super Ptolemy groupoid describing changes of triangulations. The relations of the super Ptolemy groupoid follow from identities satisfied by suitable variants of Faddeev's quantum dilogarithm.

Section 5 finally offers an outlook.

## 2. Ordinary Teichmüller theory and its quantisation

In order to prepare for the case of super Teichmüller theory we will find it useful to briefly review relevant background on the Teichmüller spaces of deformations of complex structures on Riemann surfaces. In the following we will consider two-dimensional surfaces  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  with genus  $g \geq 0$  and  $n \geq 1$  punctures having  $2g - 2 + n > 0$ . Useful starting points for the quantisation of the Teichmüller spaces are the coordinates introduced by Penner [16], and their relatives used in the works of Fock [15], Chekhov and Fock [17] and Kashaev [11]. Using these coordinates one may define an essentially canonical quantisation of the Teichmüller spaces.

*2.1. Classical Teichmüller theory.* The uniformisation theorem states that Riemann surfaces  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  can be represented as quotients of the upper half-plane  $\mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$  equipped with the Poincaré metric  $ds^2 = \frac{dyd\bar{y}}{(\text{Im}(y))^2}$  by discrete subgroups  $\Gamma$  of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  called Fuchsian groups<sup>1</sup>,

$$\Sigma_{g,n} \equiv \mathbb{H}/\Gamma. \quad (1)$$

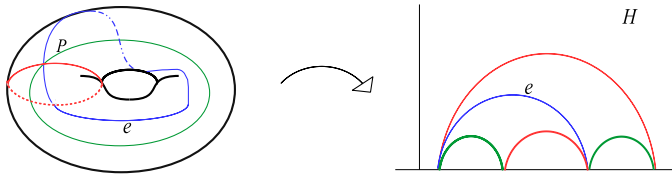
We may represent the points on  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  as points in a fundamental domain  $D$  in the upper-half plane on which  $\Gamma$  acts properly discontinuously. The  $n$  punctures of  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  will be represented by a collection of points on the boundary of  $\mathbb{H}$  which can be identified with the projective real line  $\mathbb{RP}^1$ . Figure 1 illustrates the uniformisation of a once-punctured torus  $\Sigma_{1,1}$ .

The Teichmüller space  $\mathcal{T}_{g,n}$  of Riemann surfaces  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  can be identified with the connected component in

$$\mathcal{T}_{g,n} = \{\psi : \pi_1(\Sigma_{g,n}) \rightarrow PSL(2, \mathbb{R})\} / PSL(2, \mathbb{R}), \quad (2)$$

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<sup>1</sup> Discrete subgroups of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  having no elliptic elements.



**Fig. 1.** Realisation of a quadrilateral laying on a Riemann surface on upper half plane  $\mathbb{H}$

that contains all Fuchsian representations  $\psi$ . The group  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  acts on representations  $\psi$  by conjugation.

Useful sets of coordinates for the Teichmüller spaces can be associated to ideal triangulations of  $\Sigma_{g,n}$ . Such a triangulation can be defined by a maximal set of geodesic arcs intersecting only at the punctures of  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  representing their start- and endpoints. Such a collection of arcs decomposes the surface  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  into a collection of triangles, as is also illustrated in figure 1. An ideal triangulation  $\tau$  of Riemann surface  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  is defined by  $3(2g - 2 + n)$  arcs, henceforth called edges, and has  $2(2g - 2 + n)$  triangles.

The coordinate assigned to an edge  $e$  separating two triangles of an ideal triangulation (see figure 1) is defined as the cross-ratio

$$e^{-z_e} = \frac{(x_1 - x_2)(x_3 - x_4)}{(x_1 - x_4)(x_2 - x_3)}, \quad (3)$$

formed out of the points  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  on  $\mathbb{RP}^1$  representing the corners of the two triangles separated by  $e$ . The resulting set of  $6g - 6 + 3n$  coordinate functions may be used to get a system of coordinates for Teichmüller space by taking into account the relations  $\sum_{e \in E(P_i)} z_e = 0$ , where  $E(P)$  is the set of edges ending in puncture  $P$ .

The Poisson structure on  $\mathcal{T}_{g,n}$  defined by the Weil-Petersson symplectic form takes a particularly simple form in the coordinates  $z_e$ . It may be represented as

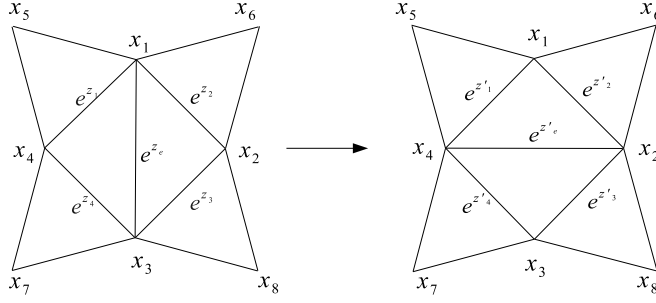
$$\{z_e, z_f\}_{WP} = n_{ef}, \quad (4)$$

where  $n_{ef}$  is the number of times  $e$  and  $f$  meet in a common end-point  $P$ , counted positively if  $f$  is the first edge reached from  $e$  upon going around  $P$  in clockwise direction, counted negatively otherwise.

The definition of the shear coordinates  $z_e$  was based on the choice of an ideal triangulation. Changing the ideal triangulation defines new coordinates  $z'_e$  that can be expressed in terms of the coordinates  $z_e$ . General changes of triangulation can be represented as compositions of the elementary operation called flip changing the diagonal in one quadrilateral only, as illustrated in figure 2. This change of triangulation induces the following change of coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} e^{z'_1} &= e^{z_1}(1 + e^{z_e}), & e^{z'_e} &= e^{-z_e}, & e^{z'_2} &= e^{z_2}(1 + e^{-z_e})^{-1}, \\ e^{z'_4} &= e^{z_4}(1 + e^{-z_e})^{-1}, & & & e^{z'_3} &= e^{z_3}(1 + e^{z_e}), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

leaving all other coordinates unchanged.



**Fig. 2.** Flip of an ideal triangulation, which relates the coordinates  $z_i$  and  $z'_i$

*2.2. Kashaev coordinates.* As a particularly useful starting point for quantisation it has turned out to be useful to describe the Teichmüller spaces by means of a set of coordinates associated to the triangles rather than the edges of an ideal triangulation [11]. We shall label the triangles  $\Delta_v$  by  $v = 1, \dots, 4g - 4 + 2n$  and choose a distinguished corner in every one of them. One may then assign to each triangle a pair of variables  $(p_v, q_v)$  allowing us to recover the variables  $z_e$  as

$$z_e = \tilde{z}_{e,v} + \tilde{z}_{e,w}, \quad \tilde{z}_{e,v} = \begin{cases} p_v & \text{if } e = e_1^v, \\ -q_v & \text{if } e = e_2^v, \\ q_v - p_v & \text{if } e = e_3^v, \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where  $e_i^v$  are the edges surrounding triangle  $\Delta_v$  counted by  $i = 1, 2, 3$  in counter-clockwise order such that  $e_3^v$  is opposite to the distinguished corner.

The space  $\mathbb{R}^{4(2g-2+n)}$  will be equipped with a Poisson structure defined by

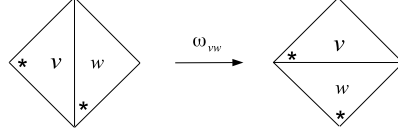
$$\begin{aligned} \{p_v, p_w\} &= 0, & \{p_v, q_w\} &= \delta_{v,w}, \\ \{q_v, q_w\} &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

It can be shown that the Poisson structure on Kashaev coordinates given by (7) induces the Poisson structure on shear coordinates (4) via (6).

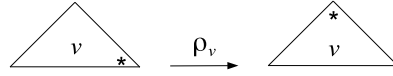
One may then describe the Teichmüller space using the Hamiltonian reduction of  $\mathbb{R}^{4(2g-2+n)}$  with Poisson bracket (7) with respect to a suitable set of constraints  $h_\gamma$  labelled by  $\gamma \in H_1(\Sigma_{g,n}, \mathbb{Z})$ , and represented as linear functions in the  $(p_v, q_v)$  [11]. The functions  $z_e$  defined via (6) satisfy  $\{h_\gamma, z_e\} = 0$  for all edges  $e$  and all  $\gamma \in H_1(\Sigma_{g,n}, \mathbb{Z})$  and may therefore be used to get coordinates for the subspace defined by the constraints.

One may define changes of Kashaev coordinates associated to any changes of ideal triangulations preserving the Poisson structure, and inducing the changes of shear coordinates (5) via (6). Having equipped the ideal triangulations with an additional decoration represented by the numbering of the triangles  $\Delta_v$  and the choice of a distinguished corner in each triangle forces us to consider an enlarged set of elementary transformations relating arbitrary decorated ideal triangulations. Elementary transformations are the flips  $\omega_{vw}$ , the rotations  $\rho_v$  and the permutations  $(vw)$ . Flips  $\omega_{vw}$  and rotations  $\rho_v$  are illustrated in figures

3 and 4, respectively, while the permutation  $(uv)$  simply exchanges the labels of the triangles  $u$  and  $v$ .



**Fig. 3.** The flip transformation  $\omega_{vw}$



**Fig. 4.** The rotation transformation  $\rho_v$  acting on a triangle  $v$

The change of coordinates associated to the transformation  $\rho_v$  is given as

$$\rho_v^{-1} : (q_v, p_v) \rightarrow (p_v - q_v, -q_v), \quad (8)$$

while under a flip  $\omega_{vw}$  the transformation of Kashaev coordinates is realised by

$$\omega_{vw}^{-1} : \begin{cases} (U_v, V_v) \rightarrow (U_v U_w, U_v V_w + V_v), \\ (U_w, V_w) \rightarrow (U_w V_v (U_v V_w + V_v)^{-1}, V_w (U_v V_w + V_v)^{-1}), \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

where we denote  $U_v \equiv e^{q_v}$  and  $V_v = e^{p_v}$ .

The transformations between decorated ideal triangulations generate a groupoid that can be described in terms of generators and relations. As we mentioned above, any two decorated triangulations of the same Riemann surface can be related by a finite sequence of permutations  $(vw)$ , flips  $\omega_{vw}$  and rotations  $\rho_v$ . Any sequence of elementary transformations returning to its initial point defines a relation. A basic set of relations implying all others is known to be the following

$$\rho_v \circ \rho_v \circ \rho_v = id_v, \quad (10a)$$

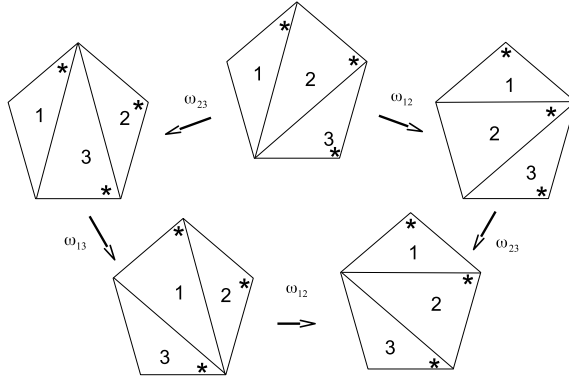
$$(\rho_v^{-1} \rho_w) \circ \omega_{vw} = \omega_{vw} \circ (\rho_v^{-1} \rho_w), \quad (10b)$$

$$\omega_{wv} \circ \rho_v \circ \omega_{vw} = (vw) \circ (\rho_v \rho_w), \quad (10c)$$

$$\omega_{v_1 v_2} \circ \omega_{v_3 v_4} = \omega_{v_3 v_4} \circ \omega_{v_1 v_2}, \quad v_i \neq v_j, i \neq j, \quad (10d)$$

$$\omega_{vw} \circ \omega_{uw} \circ \omega_{uv} = \omega_{uv} \circ \omega_{vw}. \quad (10e)$$

The pentagon relation (10e) illustrated in figure 5 is of particular importance, while the relations (10a)-(10c) describe changes of the decorations.



**Fig. 5.** The pentagon equation

*2.3. Quantum Teichmüller theory.* Quantisation of the Teichmüller theory of punctured Riemann surfaces was developed by Kashaev in [11] and independently by Fock and Chekhov in [15, 17]. Following the approach described in [11] we will associate a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_v = L^2(\mathbb{R})$  with each triangle of a decorated triangulation. The Hilbert space associated to the entire triangulation is the tensor product

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_{v=1}^{4g-4+2n} \mathcal{H}_v. \quad (11)$$

In the quantum theory one replaces the coordinate functions  $(p_v, q_v)$  by self-adjoint operators  $(\mathbf{p}_v, \mathbf{q}_v)$ ,  $v = 1, \dots, 4g - 4 + 2n$ , having the following commutation relations

$$[\mathbf{p}_v, \mathbf{q}_w] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \delta_{vw}, \quad [\mathbf{q}_v, \mathbf{q}_w] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{p}_v, \mathbf{p}_w] = 0. \quad (12)$$

Formula (6) has an obvious counterpart in the quantum theory, defining self-adjoint operators  $\mathbf{z}_e$  having the relations

$$[\mathbf{z}_e, \mathbf{z}_{e'}] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \{z_e, z_{e'}\}_{WP}. \quad (13)$$

A quantum version of the Hamiltonian reduction procedure can be defined describing Hilbert space and algebra of observables of the quantum theory of Teichmüller spaces in terms of the quantum theory defined above, see [11, 18, 19] for more details.

We finally need to describe the quantum realisation of maps changing the triangulation  $\tau$  of a Riemann surface  $\Sigma_{g,n}$ . The move  $\rho_v$  rotating the distinguished vertex of a triangle  $v$  is realised by an operator  $\mathbf{A}_v : \mathcal{H}_v \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_v$

$$\mathbf{A}_v = e^{i\pi/3} e^{-i3\pi \mathbf{q}_v^2} e^{-i\pi(\mathbf{p}_v + \mathbf{q}_v)^2}. \quad (14)$$

The flips get represented by unitary operators  $\mathbf{T}_{vw} : \mathcal{H}_v \otimes \mathcal{H}_w \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_v \otimes \mathcal{H}_w$  defined as

$$\mathbf{T}_{vw} = e_b(\mathbf{q}_v + \mathbf{p}_w - \mathbf{q}_w) e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{p}_v \mathbf{q}_w}, \quad (15)$$

where  $b$  is a parameter such that Planck's constant  $\hbar = 2\pi b^2$ , and  $e_b$  is Faddeev's quantum dilogarithm function. Definition and relevant properties of  $e_b$  are collected in Appendix A. The quantised version of the transformation of the shear coordinates takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} T_{vw}^{-1} e^{2\pi b z'_1} T_{vw} &= e^{\pi b z_1} (1 + e^{2\pi z_e}) e^{\pi b z_1}, \\ T_{vw}^{-1} e^{2\pi b z'_2} T_{vw} &= e^{\pi b z_2} (1 + e^{-2\pi z_e})^{-1} e^{\pi b z_2}, \\ T_{vw}^{-1} e^{2\pi b z'_3} T_{vw} &= e^{\pi b z_3} (1 + e^{2\pi z_e}) e^{\pi b z_3}, \\ T_{vw}^{-1} e^{2\pi b z'_4} T_{vw} &= e^{\pi b z_4} (1 + e^{-2\pi z_e})^{-1} e^{\pi b z_4}, \\ T_{vw}^{-1} e^{2\pi b z'_e} T_{vw} &= e^{-2\pi b z_e}, \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

assuming that  $T_{vw}$  represents the flip depicted in figure 2 with decoration introduced in Figure 3. The equations (16) provide the quantisation of (9), and we can recover the classical transformation by taking the limit  $q = e^{i\pi b^2} \rightarrow 1$ .

The operators  $T_{uv}$  and  $A_v$  generate a projective representation of the Ptolemy groupoid characterised by the set of relations

$$A_1^3 = \text{id}_1, \tag{17}$$

$$T_{23} T_{13} T_{12} = T_{12} T_{23}, \tag{18}$$

$$A_2 T_{12} A_1 = A_1 T_{21} A_2, \tag{19}$$

$$T_{21} A_1 T_{12} = \zeta A_1 A_2 P_{(12)}, \tag{20}$$

where  $\zeta = e^{\pi i c_b^2/3}$  and  $c_b = \frac{i}{2}(b + b^{-1})$ . The permutation  $P_{(12)} : \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$  is defined as the operator acting as  $P_{(12)}(v_1 \otimes v_2) = v_2 \otimes v_1$  for all  $v_i \in \mathcal{H}_i$ .

The quantised flip transformation has an interesting relation with quantum group theory. It was observed in [20] that one can identify the flip operator  $T$  with the canonical element of the Heisenberg double of the quantum plane, the Borel half of  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ , evaluated on particular infinite-dimensional representations. Moreover, the rotation operator  $A_v$  is an algebra automorphism of this Heisenberg double.

### 3. Classical super Teichmüller spaces

The aim of this chapter is to present the basics of super Teichmüller theory, the Teichmüller theory of super Riemann surfaces. Of particular importance will be the coordinates for the super Teichmüller spaces introduced in [14]. These coordinates are closely related to the analogue of Penner's coordinates recently introduced in [21].

In the following section we will, following [14] closely, first review the basic notions of super Riemann surfaces and super Teichmüller spaces. We will then consider the definition of two sets of coordinates on this space. In order to define such coordinates we will need to refine the triangulations used to define coordinates for the ordinary Teichmüller spaces into certain graphs called hexagonalisations. Assigning the so-called Kasteleyn orientations to the edges of



a hexagonalisation allows one to parametrise the choices of spin structures on super Riemann surfaces. In addition to even coordinates associated to edges of the underlying triangulation one may define additional odd coordinates associated to the triangles. The additional orientation data assigned to a hexagonalisation are used to provide an unambiguous definition of the signs of the odd coordinates.

We will furthermore discuss the transformations of coordinates induced by changes of hexagonalisations. The result of the elementary operation of changing the diagonal in a quadrangle called flip will now depend on the choice of Kasteleyn orientation. We will furthermore need to consider an additional operation relating different hexagonalisations called push-out. This operation relates different Kasteleyn orientations describing the same spin structure. The relations that have to be satisfied by these transformations define a generalisation of Ptolemy groupoid that will be called super Ptolemy groupoid.

*3.1. The super upper half plane and its symmetries.* We will begin by introducing the basic group-theoretic and geometric background for the definition of the super Teichmüller spaces and for constructing convenient coordinates on these spaces.

The coordinates on the two-dimensional super-plane  $\mathbb{R}^{2|1}$  can be assembled in column or row-vectors  $(x_1, x_2|\theta)$  with  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and  $\theta$  being an element of a Grassmann algebra satisfying  $\theta^2 = 0$ . The elements of the subgroup  $OSp(1|2)$  of the group of linear transformations of  $\mathbb{R}^{2|1}$  may be represented by  $(2|1) \times (2|1)$  matrices of the form

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & \gamma \\ c & d & \delta \\ \alpha & \beta & e \end{pmatrix}, \quad (21)$$

when the matrix elements are elements of a Grassmann algebra satisfying the relations

$$ad - bc - \alpha\beta = 1, \quad (22)$$

$$e^2 + 2\gamma\delta = 1, \quad (23)$$

$$\alpha e = a\delta - c\gamma, \quad (24)$$

$$\beta e = b\delta - d\gamma. \quad (25)$$

A natural map from  $OSp(1|2)$  to  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  may be defined by mapping the odd generators to zero. The image of  $g \in OSp(1|2)$  under this map will be denoted as  $g^\sharp \in SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

The super upper half-plane is defined as  $\mathbb{H}^{1|1} = \{(z, \theta) \in \mathbb{C}^{1|1} : \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$ .  $OSp(1|2)$  acts on the super upper half plane  $\mathbb{H}^{1|1}$  by generalised Möbius transformations of the form

$$z \longrightarrow z' = \frac{az + b + \gamma\theta}{cz + d + \delta\theta}, \quad (26)$$

$$\theta \longrightarrow \theta' = \frac{\alpha z + \beta + e\theta}{cz + d + \delta\theta}. \quad (27)$$

The one-point compactification of the boundary of  $\mathbb{H}^{1|1}$  is the super projective real line denoted by  $\mathbb{P}^{1|1}$ . Elements of  $\mathbb{P}^{1|1}$  may be represented as column or

row vectors  $(x_1, x_2|\theta)$  with  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  modulo overall multiplication by non-vanishing real numbers. Considering vectors  $(x_1, x_2|\theta)$  with  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  modulo overall multiplication by non-vanishing *positive* real numbers defines a double cover  $\mathbb{S}^{1|1}$  of  $\mathbb{P}^{1|1}$ .

There are two types of invariants generalising the cross-ratio present in the ordinary case. To a collection of four points with coordinates  $P_i = (x_i|\theta_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$  one may assign a super-conformal cross-ratio

$$e^{-z} = \frac{X_{12}X_{34}}{X_{14}X_{23}}, \quad (28)$$

where  $X_{ij} = x_i - x_j - \theta_i\theta_j$ . To a collection of three points  $P_i = (x_i|\theta_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 3$  one may furthermore be tempted to assign an odd (pseudo-) invariant via

$$\xi = \pm \frac{x_{23}\theta_1 + x_{31}\theta_2 + x_{12}\theta_3 - \frac{1}{2}\theta_1\theta_2\theta_3}{(X_{12}X_{23}X_{31})^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad (29)$$

where  $x_{ij} = x_i - x_j$ . Due to the appearance of a square-root one can use the expression in (29) to define  $\xi$  only up to a sign.

In order to arrive at an unambiguous definition one needs to fix a prescription for the definition of the sign of  $\xi$ . A convenient way to parametrise the choices involved in the definition of the odd invariant uses the so-called Kasteleyn orientations of the triangles in  $\mathbb{H}^{1|1}$  with corners at  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . A Kasteleyn orientation of a polygon embedded in an oriented surface is an orientation for the sides of the polygon such that the number of sides oriented against the induced orientation on the boundary of the polygon is odd.

A Kasteleyn orientation of triangles with three corners at  $P_i \in \mathbb{P}^{1|1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  may then be used to define lifts of the points  $P_i \in \mathbb{P}^{1|1}$  to points  $\hat{P}_i$  of its double cover  $\mathbb{S}^{1|1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  as follows. We may choose an arbitrary lift of  $P_1$ , represented by a vector  $(x_1, y_1|\theta_1) \in \mathbb{R}^{2|1}$ . If the edge connecting  $P_i$  to  $P_1$  is oriented from  $P_1$  to  $P_i$ ,  $i = 2, 3$ , we will choose lifts of  $P_i$  represented by vectors  $(x_i, y_i|\theta_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{2|1}$  such that  $\text{sgn}(\det(\begin{smallmatrix} x_1 & x_i \\ y_1 & y_i \end{smallmatrix})) = -1$ , while in the other case  $P_i$  will be represented by vectors  $(x_i, y_i|\theta_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{2|1}$  satisfying  $\text{sgn}(\det(\begin{smallmatrix} x_1 & x_i \\ y_1 & y_i \end{smallmatrix})) = 1$ . By means of  $OSp(1|2)$ -transformations one may then map  $\hat{P}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  to a triple of points  $Q_i$  of the form  $Q_1 \simeq (1, 0|0)$ ,  $Q_3 \simeq (0, -1|0)$ , and  $Q_2 \simeq \pm(1, -1|\xi)$ . This finally allows us to define the odd invariant associated to a triangle with corners  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , and chosen Kasteleyn orientation of its sides to be equal to  $\xi$  if  $Q_2 \simeq (1, -1|\xi)$ , and equal to  $-\xi$  if  $Q_2 \simeq -(1, -1|\xi)$ .

*3.2. Super Riemann surfaces and super Teichmüller space.* For our goals it will be most convenient to simply define super Riemann surfaces as quotients of the super upper half plane by suitable discrete subgroups of  $\Gamma$  of  $OSp(1|2)$ . This approach is related to the complex-analytic point of view reviewed in [7] by an analogue of the uniformisation theorem proven in [8].

A discrete subgroup of  $\Gamma$  of  $OSp(1|2)$  such that  $\Gamma^\sharp$  is a Fuchsian group is called a super Fuchsian group. Super Riemann surfaces will be defined as quotients of the super upper half-plane  $\mathbb{H}^{1|1}$  by a super Fuchsian group  $\Gamma$ ,

$$\Sigma_{g,n} \equiv \mathbb{H}^{1|1}/\Gamma. \quad (30)$$

The points of a super Riemann surface may be represented by the points of a fundamental domain  $D$  on the super upper-half plane on which  $\Gamma$  acts properly discontinuous. Super Riemann surfaces with  $n$  punctures have fundamental domains  $D$  touching the boundary  $\mathbb{P}^{1|1}$  of  $\mathbb{H}^{1|1}$  in  $d$  distinct points  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$ .<sup>2</sup>

We can finally define the super Teichmüller space  $\mathcal{ST}_{g,n}$  of super Riemann surfaces  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  of genus  $g$  with  $n$  punctures. It can be represented as the quotient

$$\mathcal{ST}_{g,n} = \{ \rho : \pi_1(\Sigma_{g,n}) \rightarrow OSp(1|2) \} / OSp(1|2), \quad (31)$$

where  $\rho : \pi_1(\Sigma_{g,n}) \rightarrow OSp(1|2)$  are the discrete representations of the fundamental group  $\pi_1(\Sigma_{g,n})$  into  $OSp(1|2)$  having super Fuchsian images.

There is always an ordinary Riemann surface  $\Sigma_{g,n}^\sharp$  associated to each super Riemann surface, defined as quotient of the upper half plane  $\mathbb{H}$  by  $\Gamma^\sharp$ . Notions like ideal triangulations will therefore have obvious counterparts in the theory of super Riemann surfaces.

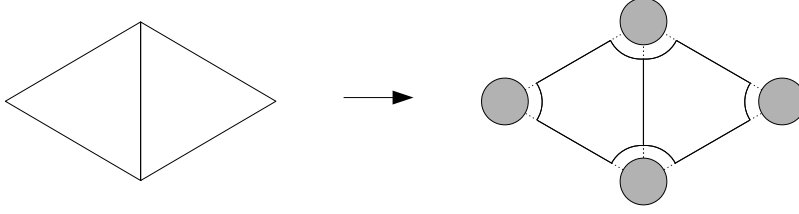
*3.3. Hexagonalisation and Kasteleyn orientations.* Similarly to the ordinary Teichmüller spaces, the parametrisation of super Teichmüller spaces introduced in [14] relies on ideal triangulations of super Riemann surfaces. It will be based on the even and odd invariants of the group  $OSp(1|2)$  that we defined in Section 3.1. However, as noted there, one needs to introduce additional data to define the odd invariants unambiguously. The extra data must allow us to define the lifts of the punctures  $P_i \in \mathbb{P}^{1|1}$  to points  $\hat{P}_i$  on its double cover  $\mathbb{S}^{1|1}$ . Note that the even part of  $\mathbb{P}^{1|1}$  is the real projective line  $\mathbb{RP}^1$  with group of automorphisms  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ , while the even part of  $\mathbb{S}^{1|1}$  is a double cover of  $\mathbb{RP}^1$  with group of automorphisms  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ . Lifting the vertices of a triangulation of  $\mathbb{H}^{1|1}$  to  $\mathbb{S}^{1|1}$  should therefore be accompanied with a lift of the Fuchsian group  $\Gamma^\sharp \subset PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  to a subgroup of  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ . It is known that the definition of such a lift depends on the choice of a spin structure on  $\Sigma$  [22]. We therefore need to introduce a suitable refinement of an ideal triangulation which will allow us to encode the extra data defining a spin structure.

The parametrisation of spin structure on Riemann surfaces used in [14] is based on results of Cimasoni, Reshetikhin [12, 13] using Kasteleyn orientations. To begin with, let us first introduce the notion of a hexagonalisation. The starting point will be an ideal triangulation of a surface  $\Sigma$ . Around each puncture let us cut out a small disc, giving a surface  $\Sigma_b$  with  $n$  holes. The parts of any two edges bounding a triangle in  $\Sigma$  which are contained in  $\Sigma_b$  will then be connected by an arc in the interior of  $\Sigma_b$ . The resulting hexagon has a boundary consisting of "long" edges coming from the edges of the original triangulation, and "short" edges represented by the arcs connecting the long edges. The procedure is illustrated in figure 6.

Let us finally introduce another set of edges called dimers connecting the vertices of the hexagons with the boundary of  $\Sigma_b$ . The dimers are represented by dashed lines in Figure 6. This configuration of dimers is canonical and does not factor in directly into the refinement of shear coordinates on  $\Sigma_b$ . The resulting graph will be called a hexagonalisation of the given ideal triangulation.

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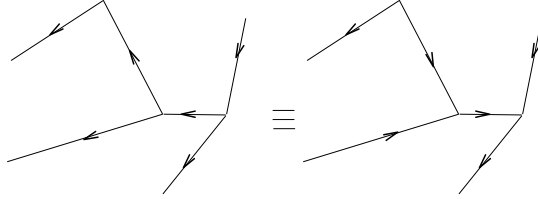
<sup>2</sup> When pairs of points get identified by the action of the group  $\Gamma$  we will have  $d \neq n$ .



**Fig. 6.** Hexagonalisation of a quadrilateral

The next step is to introduce a Kasteleyn orientation on the hexagonalisation defined above. It is given by an orientation of the boundary edges of the hexagons such that for every face of the resulting graph the number of edges oriented against the orientation of the surface is odd. It then follows from Theorem 1 in [13] that the choice of the spin structure can be encoded in the choice of a Kasteleyn orientation on a hexagonalisation.<sup>3</sup>

Different Kasteleyn orientations may describe the same spin structure. Two Kasteleyn orientations are equivalent in this sense if they are related by the reversal of orientations of all the edges meeting at the same vertex, as illustrated in Figure 7. The equivalence classes of Kasteleyn orientations related by this



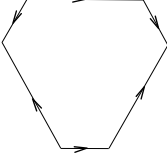
**Fig. 7.** Equivalence between the Kasteleyn orientations

operation are in one-to-one correspondence to the spin structures on  $\Sigma$ .

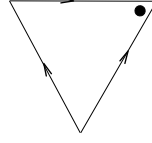
In order to represent a hexagonalisation with Kasteleyn orientation graphically we will find it convenient to contract all short edges to points, and marking the corners of the resulting triangle coming from short edges with orientation against the orientation of the underlying surface by dots. An illustration of this procedure is given in Figures 8 and 9 below.

This amounts to representing the data encoded in a hexagonalisation with Kasteleyn orientations in a triangulation carrying an additional decoration given

<sup>3</sup> The hexagonalisations constructed above are special cases of what is called surface graph with boundary in [12,13]. The formulation of Theorem 1 in [13] makes use of the notion of a dimer configuration on a surface graph with boundary. In our case the dimer configuration is given by the set of edges connecting the corners of the hexagons with the boundary shown as dashed lines in Figure 6.



**Fig. 8.** A hexagon with Kasteleyn orientation



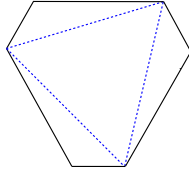
**Fig. 9.** Alternative graphical representation of the hexagon in Figure 8

by the choice of orientations for the edges, and by marking some corners with dots. A triangulation carrying such a decoration will be called dotted triangulation.

*3.4. Coordinates for the super Teichmüller spaces.* In order to define coordinates for the super Teichmüller spaces let us consider super Riemann surfaces  $\Sigma_{g,n} \equiv \mathbb{H}^{1|1}/\Gamma$  with  $n \geq 1$  punctures.  $\Sigma_{g,n}$  can be represented by a polygonal fundamental domain  $D \subset \mathbb{H}^{1|1}$  with a boundary represented by a collection of arcs pairwise identified with each other by the elements of  $\Gamma$ . The corners of the fundamental domains  $P_i = (x_i|\theta_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$  of  $D$  are located on the boundary  $\mathbb{P}^{1|1}$  of  $\mathbb{H}^{1|1}$ . An ideal triangulation of the underlying Riemann surface  $\Sigma_{g,n}^\sharp$  induces a triangulation of the super Riemann surface with vertices represented by the corners  $P_i = (x_i|\theta_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$ . Following [14] we will in the following assign even coordinates to the edges of a dotted triangulation, and odd variables to the triangles themselves.

In order to define the coordinates associated to the edges let us assume that the edge  $e$  represents the diagonal in a quadrangle with corners at  $P_i = (x_i|\theta_i) \in \mathbb{P}^{1|1}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$  connecting  $P_2$  and  $P_4$ . One may then define the even variable  $z_e$  assigned to the edge  $e$  to be given by the even superconformal cross-ratio defined in equation (28).

In order to define the odd Fock variables let us consider a hexagonalisation decorated with a Kasteleyn orientation. We may triangulate each hexagon as shown in Figure 10.



**Fig. 10.** A hexagon and its underlying triangle

Note that the orientation on the sides of the hexagon induces a canonical Kasteleyn orientation on each of the triangles appearing in this triangulation of the hexagon. We may therefore apply the definition of the odd invariant given in

Section 3.1 to the corners of the inner triangle drawn with blue, dashed sides in Figure 10. As the hexagons of the considered hexagonalisation are in one-to-one correspondence with the triangles  $\Delta$  of a dotted triangulation we will denote the resulting coordinates by  $\xi_\Delta$ .

The super Teichmüller space is thereby parametrised by  $3(2g - 2 + n)$  even coordinates and  $2(2g - 2 + n)$  odd coordinates. It has a super Poisson structure<sup>4</sup> [14] with non-trivial Poisson brackets among the coordinate functions being

$$\{z_e, z_f\}_{\text{ST}} = n_{ef}, \quad \{\xi_v, \xi_w\}_{\text{ST}} = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{vw}. \quad (32)$$

where the numbers  $n_{ef}$  are defined in the same way as in ordinary Teichmüller theory. This defines the Poisson-structure we aim to quantise.

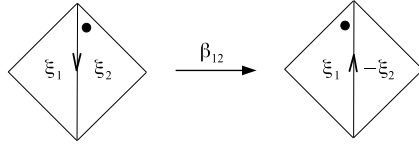
*3.5. Super Ptolemy groupoid.* The coordinates that we use to parametrise the super Teichmüller space depend on the choice of the dotted triangulation. It is therefore necessary to determine how these coordinates transform under the moves that change the dotted triangulations of the Riemann surfaces. In addition to the supersymmetric analog of the flip operation changing the diagonal in a quadrilateral we need to consider an additional move describing a change of Kasteleyn orientation which leaves the spin structure unchanged. The groupoid generated by the changes of dotted triangulations will be called super Ptolemy groupoid. We will in the following offer a description in terms of generators and relations.

*3.5.1. Generators.* As we discussed previously, the reversal of Kasteleyn orientations of all the edges that meet in the same vertex does not change the spin structure. Therefore, we can consider a pair of two hexagons that meet along one long edge, and study a move that applies this operation at one of the vertices common to both hexagons, reversing the orientation of the shared long edge. In terms of dotted triangles, one can pictorially represent this move as in the figure 11, where we present its action on a pair of triangles that share an edge oriented downwards — for a pair of triangles sharing an edge oriented upwards this action is analogous. If there are two dots in the upper corner of the quadrilateral on the left of Figure 11 the result of the push-out will produce a quadrilateral without dots in the upper corner.

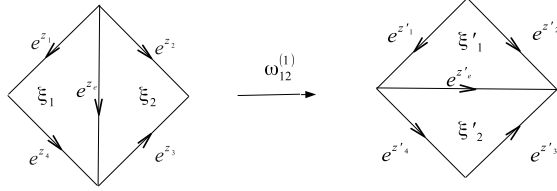
We will call this move a (left) push-out  $\beta$ . The push-out leaves the odd invariant assigned to the left triangle unchanged while it changes the sign of the invariant assigned to the right triangle, leaving the even invariants unchanged.<sup>5</sup> We furthermore need to consider the flip operation describing the change of diagonal in a quadrilateral. The effect of this operation will in general depend on the assignment of Kasteleyn orientations. An example is depicted in Figure 12.

<sup>4</sup> A super Poisson algebra is a super-algebra  $A$  with grading of  $x \in A$  denoted as  $|x|$ , which has a super Poisson bracket  $\{.,.\} : A \times A \rightarrow A$  that is graded skew-symmetric,  $\{x, y\} = -(-1)^{|x||y|}\{y, x\}$ , and satisfies  $\{x, \{y, z\}\} + (-1)^{|x|(|y|+|z|)}\{y, \{z, x\}\} + (-1)^{|z|(|x|+|y|)}\{z, \{x, y\}\}$  along with  $\{x, yz\} = \{x, y\}z + (-1)^{|x||y|}y\{x, z\}$ .

<sup>5</sup> One should be careful about the convention in figure 11. It is defined for the case that dot placed in the upper corner of the rectangle and it moves from the right triangle to the left one. For the case that dot is placed in the lower corner one can rotate this figure and find the operator with the proper index and associate the proper sign to the odd variables in a similar way.



**Fig. 11.** The pictorial representation of a (left) push-out  $\beta$  on triangles with one dot. We depict the case where the common edge is oriented downwards as an example.



**Fig. 12.** The flip  $\omega_{12}^{(1)}$

The change of even shear coordinates may be represented as [14]

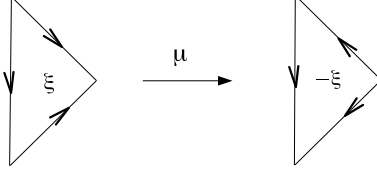
$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{z'_e} &= e^{-z_e}, \\
 e^{z'_1} &= e^{\frac{z_1}{2}} (1 + e^{z_e} - \xi_1 \xi_2 e^{\frac{z_e}{2}}) e^{\frac{z_1}{2}}, \\
 e^{z'_2} &= e^{\frac{z_2}{2}} (1 + e^{-z_e} - \xi_1 \xi_2 e^{-\frac{z_e}{2}})^{-1} e^{\frac{z_2}{2}}, \\
 e^{z'_3} &= e^{\frac{z_3}{2}} (1 + e^{z_e} - \xi_1 \xi_2 e^{\frac{z_e}{2}}) e^{\frac{z_3}{2}}, \\
 e^{z'_4} &= e^{\frac{z_4}{2}} (1 + e^{-z_e} - \xi_1 \xi_2 e^{-\frac{z_e}{2}})^{-1} e^{\frac{z_4}{2}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

To reduce the number of cases to be considered in the statement of the transformation of the odd coordinates one may first note that the push-out operation allows one to reduce the most cases to the case of undotted triangles.<sup>6</sup> It is easy to convince oneself that there are 8 possible ways of assigning Kasteleyn orientations in this case, represented by Figure 22 in the Appendix B. Let us begin by considering the operation  $\omega^{(1)}$  depicted in Figure 12. One then finds the following change of coordinates [14]

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{\frac{z'_1}{2}} \xi'_1 &= e^{\frac{z_1}{2}} (\xi_1 + \xi_2 e^{\frac{z_e}{2}}), \\
 e^{\frac{z'_2}{2}} \xi'_2 &= e^{\frac{z_2}{2}} (-\xi_1 e^{\frac{z_e}{2}} + \xi_2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

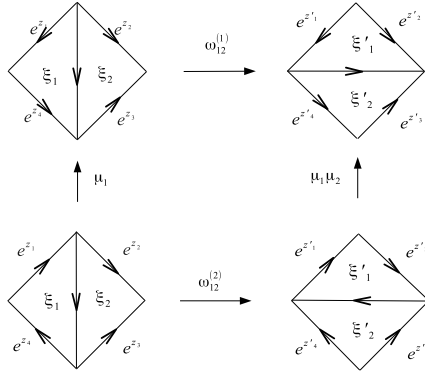
<sup>6</sup> One can do that by considering additional auxillary triangles that are glued to the dotted triangles which compose quadrilateral. Then, one can remove all dots from the quadrilateral using push-outs, use the flips for the quadrilateral without any dots and move the dots back by the inverse of the initial push-outs to obtain the flips for a quadrilateral with dots present. By inspection one sees that both the Kasteleyn orientations and the signs of odd invariants of the auxillary triangles remain unchanged under this composition.

As a useful book-keeping device for generating the expressions in the other cases let us introduce an operation  $\mu_v$  that reverses the orientations of the two long edges entering a common vertex of a dotted triangulation.<sup>7</sup> An example for this operation is graphically represented in Figure 13, where it is applied to the rightmost vertex.<sup>8</sup> It is easy to see that this will induce a sign change in the definition of the odd invariant.



**Fig. 13.** The operation  $\mu$  on the rightmost vertex of a particularly oriented triangle

The coordinate transformations induced by flips with other assignments of Kasteleyn orientations can then be obtained from the case of  $\omega^{(1)}$  with the help of the operations  $\mu_v$  in most other cases. An example is represented by Figure 14.



**Fig. 14.** Different flips are related by application of transformations  $\mu$

The only cases not yet covered by the definitions above are the cases where opposite sides of a quadrilateral formed out of two triangles are identified, cor-

<sup>7</sup> We'd like to stress that  $\mu_v$  is a purely auxillary operation that acts locally on triangles and, in principle, can change the spin structure of the underlying super Riemann surface.

<sup>8</sup> In Figure 13 we have chosen a particular Kasteleyn orientation as an example,  $\mu_v$  acts by reversal of the orientations of long edges entering a common vertex on triangles with all allowed Kasteleyn orientations.



responding to the case of a one-punctured torus. Explicit formulae for the representation of the flip in these cases can be found in [14], but will not be needed below.

*3.5.2. Relations.* The changes of oriented hexagonalisations define a groupoid generalising the Ptolemy groupoid. In the following we are going to discuss the relations characterising this groupoid which will be called super Ptolemy groupoid.

It is clear that all relations of the super Ptolemy groupoid reduce to relations of the ordinary Ptolemy groupoid upon forgetting the decorations furnished by the Kasteleyn orientations. This fact can be used to classify the different types of relations.

To begin with, let us consider the relations reducing to the pentagon relation of the Ptolemy groupoid. The super Ptolemy groupoid will have various relations differing by the choices of Kasteleyn orientations. Considering first the case where all short edges are oriented with the orientation of the surface we have 16 possible pentagon relations:

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_{12}^{(1)} \omega_{23}^{(1)} &= \omega_{23}^{(1)} \omega_{13}^{(1)} \omega_{12}^{(1)}, & \omega_{12}^{(1)} \omega_{23}^{(6)} &= \omega_{23}^{(6)} \omega_{13}^{(6)} \omega_{12}^{(4)}, \\
\omega_{12}^{(5)} \omega_{23}^{(8)} &= \omega_{23}^{(8)} \omega_{13}^{(5)} \omega_{12}^{(5)}, & \omega_{12}^{(6)} \omega_{23}^{(7)} &= \omega_{23}^{(7)} \omega_{13}^{(6)} \omega_{12}^{(5)}, \\
\omega_{12}^{(2)} \omega_{23}^{(1)} &= \omega_{23}^{(1)} \omega_{13}^{(2)} \omega_{12}^{(2)}, & \omega_{12}^{(8)} \omega_{23}^{(8)} &= \omega_{23}^{(1)} \omega_{13}^{(8)} \omega_{12}^{(8)}, \\
\omega_{12}^{(4)} \omega_{23}^{(5)} &= \omega_{23}^{(5)} \omega_{13}^{(5)} \omega_{12}^{(4)}, & \omega_{12}^{(5)} \omega_{23}^{(3)} &= \omega_{23}^{(3)} \omega_{13}^{(4)} \omega_{12}^{(6)}, \\
\omega_{12}^{(3)} \omega_{23}^{(4)} &= \omega_{23}^{(7)} \omega_{13}^{(3)} \omega_{12}^{(2)}, & \omega_{12}^{(7)} \omega_{23}^{(7)} &= \omega_{23}^{(4)} \omega_{13}^{(7)} \omega_{12}^{(8)}, \\
\omega_{12}^{(6)} \omega_{23}^{(2)} &= \omega_{23}^{(2)} \omega_{13}^{(1)} \omega_{12}^{(6)}, & \omega_{12}^{(7)} \omega_{23}^{(2)} &= \omega_{23}^{(5)} \omega_{13}^{(2)} \omega_{12}^{(7)}, \\
\omega_{12}^{(5)} \omega_{23}^{(6)} &= \omega_{23}^{(3)} \omega_{13}^{(7)} \omega_{12}^{(6)}, & \omega_{12}^{(3)} \omega_{23}^{(5)} &= \omega_{23}^{(2)} \omega_{13}^{(8)} \omega_{12}^{(3)}, \\
\omega_{12}^{(1)} \omega_{23}^{(3)} &= \omega_{23}^{(6)} \omega_{13}^{(3)} \omega_{12}^{(7)}, & \omega_{12}^{(4)} \omega_{23}^{(4)} &= \omega_{23}^{(4)} \omega_{13}^{(4)} \omega_{12}^{(1)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

The remaining cases can always be reduced to the cases listed above using the push-out operation. In Figure 15 we present one of the 16 possibilities listed above graphically.

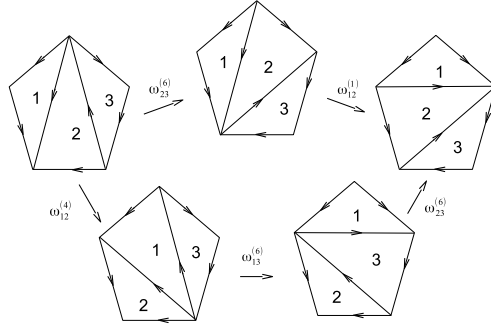
Other relations reduce to trivial relations upon forgetting the orientation data. Some of these relations describe how the push-out operations relate flips with different orientation data. Such relations are

$$(\omega_{23}^{(i)})^{-1} \beta_{43} \beta_{32} \beta_{21} = \beta_{42} \beta_{21} (\omega_{23}^{(j)})^{-1}, \tag{36}$$

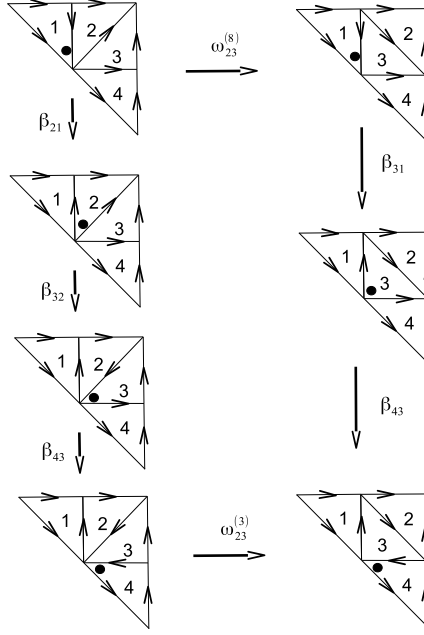
where  $i, j$  can be following pairs  $(5, 8), (8, 5), (6, 7), (7, 6), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 4), (4, 3)$  and

$$\omega_{23}^{(i)} \beta_{43} \beta_{32} \beta_{21} = \beta_{43} \beta_{31} \omega_{23}^{(j)}, \tag{37}$$

where  $i, j$  can be following pairs  $(5, 4), (4, 5), (1, 6), (6, 1), (2, 7), (7, 2), (8, 3), (3, 8)$ . An example for this type of relation is illustrated in Figure 16.



**Fig. 15.** An example of one of the possible superpentagon relations



**Fig. 16.** First type of relation between a flip and a push-out

There are further relations reducing to the commutativity of the flip operations applied to two quadrilaterals which do not share a triangle, including

$$\omega_{34}^{(i)} \beta_{23} (\omega_{12}^{(j)})^{-1} \beta_{23}^{-1} = \beta_{24} (\omega_{12}^{(j)})^{-1} \beta_{24}^{-1} \omega_{34}^{(i)}, \quad (38)$$

$$(\omega_{34}^{(i)})^{-1} \beta_{13} \omega_{12}^{(j)} \beta_{23}^{-1} = \beta_{13} \omega_{12}^{(j)} \beta_{23}^{-1} (\omega_{34}^{(i)})^{-1}, \quad (39)$$

$$(\omega_{34}^{(i)})^{-1} \beta_{23} (\omega_{12}^{(j)})^{-1} \beta_{23}^{-1} = \beta_{23} (\omega_{12}^{(j)})^{-1} \beta_{23}^{-1} (\omega_{34}^{(i)})^{-1}, \quad (40)$$

$$\omega_{34}^{(i)} \beta_{13} \omega_{12}^{(j)} \beta_{23}^{-1} = \beta_{14} \omega_{12}^{(j)} \beta_{24}^{-1} \omega_{34}^{(i)}, \quad (41)$$

where the  $i, j = 1, \dots, 8$  depends on the Kasteleyn orientation of the graph from which the relation has been derived. Examples of these relations are represented in Figure 17.

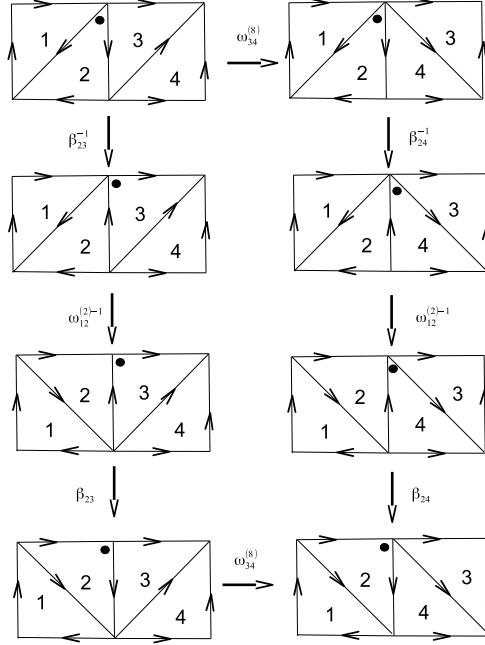


Fig. 17. Second type of relation between a flip and a push-out

It seems plausible that the completeness of the relations discussed above can be reduced to the corresponding result for the ordinary Ptolemy groupoid. This result, as pointed out in [17], follows from the cell decomposition of the Teichmüller space which can be defined with the help of Penner's coordinates [16]. The proof of the completeness of the relations for the ordinary Ptolemy groupoid can be found in [30, 31].

**3.6. Kashaev type coordinates.** It will furthermore be useful to introduce analogues of the Kashaev coordinates in the case of super Teichmüller theory. Such coordinates will be associated to oriented hexagonalisations carrying an additional piece of decoration obtained by marking a distinguished short edge in each hexagon. Oriented hexagonalisations equipped with such a decoration will be called decorated hexagonalisations in the following.

In addition to a pair of even variables  $(q_v, p_v)$  assigned to each ideal triangle  $\Delta_v$ , we now need to introduce an odd variable  $\xi_v$ . The collection of these variables parametrising points in  $\mathbb{R}^{4(2g-2+n)|2(2g-2+n)}$  will be called super Kashaev coordinates. The non-trivial Poisson brackets defining the Poisson structure on

this space are

$$\{p_v, q_w\}_{\text{ST}} = \delta_{v,w}, \quad \{\xi_v, \xi_w\}_{\text{ST}} = \frac{1}{2}\delta_{v,w}, \quad (42)$$

all other Poisson brackets among the variables  $(q_v, p_v, \xi_v)$  being trivial.

The super Teichmüller spaces can be characterised within  $\mathbb{R}^{8g-8+4n|4g-4+2n}$  by using the Hamiltonian reduction with respect to a set of constraints that is very similar to the one used in ordinary Teichmüller theory described in [11]. One may, in particular, recover the even shear coordinates in a way that is very similar to equation (6), while the odd variables simply coincide.

The transformations relating different decorated hexagonalisations will induce changes of super Kashaev coordinates. Such transformations will generate a decorated version of the super Ptolemy groupoid. The set of generators becomes as in the case of ordinary Teichmüller theory enriched by the operation  $(vw)$  exchanging the labels associated to two adjacent triangles, and the rotations  $\rho_v$  of the distinguished short edge. The rotation  $\rho_v$  will be represented as

$$\rho_v^{-1} : (q_v, p_v, \xi_v) \rightarrow (p_v - q_v, -q_v, \xi_v). \quad (43)$$

The operation  $(vw)$  maps  $(q_v, p_v, \xi_v)$  to  $(q_w, p_w, \xi_w)$  and vice-versa. The flip  $\omega_{vw}^{(1)}$ , presented in the figure 18, is realised by

$$(\omega_{vw}^{(1)})^{-1} : \begin{cases} (U_v, V_v) \rightarrow (U_v U_w, U_v V_w + V_v - U_v^{\frac{1}{2}} V_w^{\frac{1}{2}} V_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_v \xi_w), \\ (U_w, V_w) \rightarrow (U_w V_v (U_v V_w + V_v - U_v^{\frac{1}{2}} V_w^{\frac{1}{2}} V_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_v \xi_w)^{-1}, \\ \quad V_w (U_v V_w + V_v - U_v^{\frac{1}{2}} V_w^{\frac{1}{2}} V_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_v \xi_w)^{-1}), \end{cases} \quad (44)$$

for the even variables and

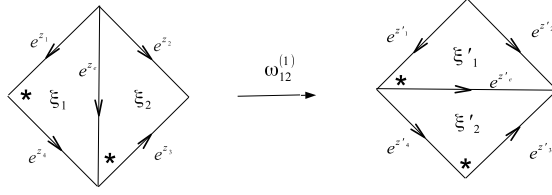
$$(\omega_{vw}^{(1)})^{-1} : \begin{cases} \xi_v \rightarrow \frac{V_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_v + U_v^{\frac{1}{2}} V_w^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_w}{\sqrt{V_v + U_v V_w - U_v^{\frac{1}{2}} V_w^{\frac{1}{2}} V_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_v \xi_w}}, \\ \xi_w \rightarrow \frac{V_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_w - U_v^{\frac{1}{2}} V_w^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_v}{\sqrt{V_v + U_v V_w - U_v^{\frac{1}{2}} V_w^{\frac{1}{2}} V_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_v \xi_w}}, \end{cases} \quad (45)$$

for the odd ones, where we denote  $U_v \equiv e^{q_v}$  and  $V_v \equiv e^{p_v}$ . The action of the rest of flips<sup>9</sup> can be obtained by the application of appropriate operations  $\mu_v$ , as explained previously.

#### 4. Quantisation of super Teichmüller theory

In this section we will consider the quantisation of the Teichmüller spaces of super Riemann surfaces. The coordinate functions defined in the previous section will become linear operators acting on a Hilbert space. The transformations which relate different hexagonalisations, like flips and push-outs, will be represented by linear operators  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , respectively. We are going to discuss the relations satisfied by these operators, defining a projective representation of the super Ptolemy groupoid.

<sup>9</sup> The flips transforming Kashaev coordinates relate decorated versions of quadrilaterals. Therefore, to represent flips of Kashaev coordinates one should add decoration to all the figures in 22 in the same places as in the figure 18.



**Fig. 18.** A flip  $\omega^{(1)}$  on decorated triangulation

*4.1. Quantisation of super Kashaev space.* The Hilbert space associated to a decorated hexagonalisation of a super Riemann surface will be defined as follows. To each hexagon  $\Delta_v$  (or equivalently each dotted triangle) we associate a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_v \simeq L^2(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathbb{C}^{1|1}$ . Then, the Hilbert space associated to the entire super Riemann surface is the tensor product of the spaces for each hexagon:

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_{v \in I} \mathcal{H}_v. \quad (46)$$

We will frequently use the corresponding leg-numbering notation: If  $\mathbf{O}$  is an operator on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathbb{C}^{1|1}$ , we may define  $\mathbf{O}_v$  to be the operator  $\mathbf{O}_v = 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 \otimes \mathbf{O} \otimes 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1$ .

The super Kashaev coordinates get quantised to linear operators on the Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}_v$ . The coordinates  $\mathbf{p}_v$  and  $\mathbf{q}_v$  are replaced by operators satisfying canonical commutation relations

$$[\mathbf{p}_v, \mathbf{q}_w] = \frac{1}{\pi i} \delta_{vw}, \quad [\mathbf{q}_v, \mathbf{q}_w] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{p}_v, \mathbf{p}_w] = 0, \quad (47)$$

and are represented on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  as multiplication and differentiation operators. In the classical limit  $b \rightarrow 0$ , the operators  $2\pi b \mathbf{p}_v$  and  $2\pi b \mathbf{q}_v$  give their classical counterparts  $p_v$  and  $q_v$  appropriately. The odd coordinate  $\xi$  becomes an operator acting on  $\mathcal{H}$  of the form

$$\xi_v = \sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}} \kappa_v}, \quad (48)$$

where  $\kappa$  is a  $(1|1) \times (1|1)$  matrix acting on  $\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$

$$\kappa = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (49)$$

and where  $q = e^{i\pi b^2}$  and the quantisation constant  $\hbar$  is related to  $b$  as  $\hbar = 4\pi b^2$ . Note that  $\xi$  satisfies  $\xi^2 = q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}} = i\pi b^2 + \mathcal{O}(b^4)$ , thereby reproducing both the relation  $\xi^2 = 0$  and the Poisson bracket  $\{\xi, \xi\} = \frac{1}{2}$  in the classical limit  $b \rightarrow 0$ .

Moreover, the formula (6), with the super coordinates replacing the ordinary ones, has an obvious counterpart in the quantum theory, defining self-adjoint even operators  $\mathbf{z}_e$  satisfying

$$[\mathbf{z}_e, \mathbf{z}_{e'}] = \frac{1}{\pi i} \{z_e, z_{e'}\}_{\text{ST}}. \quad (50)$$

The operators  $2\pi bz_e$  give in the classical limit the even shear coordinates  $z_e$ .

The redundancy of the parametrisation in terms of Kashaev type coordinates can be described using a quantum version of the Hamiltonian reduction characterising the super Teichmüller spaces within  $\mathbb{R}^{8g-8+4n|4g-4+2n}$ . This procedure is very similar to the case of the usual Teichmüller theory described in [11,18] and will therefore not be discussed explicitly here.

*4.2. Generators of the super Ptolemy groupoid.* We will now construct a quantum realisation of the coordinate transformations induced by changing the decorated hexagonalisation  $\eta$  of a super Riemann surface  $\Sigma$ . The coordinate transformations will be represented by operators  $U_{\eta'\eta} : \mathcal{H}_\eta \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\eta'}$  representing the change of the hexagonalisation  $\eta$  to  $\eta'$  in the following way. Let  $\{w^i; i \in \mathcal{I}_\eta\}$  be a complete set of coordinates defined in terms of a hexagonalisation  $\eta$ . If  $\eta'$  is another hexagonalisation one may in our case express the coordinates  $\{\tilde{w}^j; j \in \mathcal{I}_{\eta'}\}$  associated to  $\eta'$  as functions  $w'^j = W_{\eta'\eta}^j(\{w^i; i \in \mathcal{I}_\eta\})$  of the coordinates  $w^i$ . If  $w^i$  and  $w'^j$  are the operators associated to  $w_i$  and  $w'_j$ , respectively, we are first going to define quantised versions of the changes of coordinate functions  $W_{\eta'\eta}^j(\{w_i; i \in \mathcal{I}_\eta\})$  which reduce to the functions  $W_j^{\eta'\eta}$  in the classical limit. Unitary operators  $U_{\eta'\eta}$  representing these changes of coordinates on the quantum level are then required to satisfy

$$U_{\eta'\eta}^{-1} \cdot w'^j \cdot U_{\eta'\eta} = W_{\eta'\eta}^j(\{w_i; i \in \mathcal{I}_\eta\}). \quad (51)$$

This requirement is expected to characterise the operators  $U_{\eta'\eta}$  uniquely up to normalisation. We are now going to construct the operators  $U_{\eta'\eta}$  for all pairs  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  related by generators of the super Ptolemy groupoid.

Of particular interest are the cases where  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  are related by the flip operation changing the diagonal in a triangulation. We will begin by constructing operators  $T_{vw}^{(i)} : \mathcal{H}_v \otimes \mathcal{H}_w \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_v \otimes \mathcal{H}_w$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 8$  representing the super flips of hexagonalisations listed in Appendix B. In order to cover the remaining cases one may use the push-out operation, as will be discussed later. A useful starting point will be the operator  $T_{12}^{(1)}$  corresponding to the operation  $\omega_{12}^{(1)}$  depicted in figure 18. Following the discussion around (51) above, we will require that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{12}^{(1)-1} e^{2\pi bz'_1} T_{12}^{(1)} &= e^{\pi bz_1} (1 + e^{2\pi bz_e} - e^{\pi bz_e} \xi_1 \xi_2) e^{\pi bz_1}, \\ T_{12}^{(1)-1} e^{2\pi bz'_2} T_{12}^{(1)} &= e^{\pi bz_2} (1 + e^{-2\pi bz_e} - e^{-\pi bz_e} \xi_1 \xi_2)^{-1} e^{\pi bz_2}, \\ T_{12}^{(1)-1} e^{2\pi bz'_3} T_{12}^{(1)} &= e^{\pi bz_3} (1 + e^{2\pi bz_e} - e^{\pi bz_e} \xi_1 \xi_2) e^{\pi bz_3}, \\ T_{12}^{(1)-1} e^{2\pi bz'_4} T_{12}^{(1)} &= e^{\pi bz_4} (1 + e^{-2\pi bz_e} - e^{-\pi bz_e} \xi_1 \xi_2)^{-1} e^{\pi bz_4}, \\ T_{12}^{(1)-1} e^{2\pi bz'_e} T_{12}^{(1)} &= e^{-2\pi bz_e}, \end{aligned} \quad (52a)$$

for the even coordinates and

$$\begin{aligned} T_{12}^{(1)-1} e^{\pi bz'_1} \xi'_1 T_{12}^{(1)} &= e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi bz_1} (\xi_1 + e^{\pi bz_e} \xi_2) e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi bz_1}, \\ T_{12}^{(1)-1} e^{\pi bz'_1} \xi'_2 T_{12}^{(1)} &= e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi bz_1} (-e^{\pi bz_e} \xi_1 + \xi_2) e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi bz_1}, \end{aligned} \quad (52b)$$

for the odd ones. The labelling of variables is the one introduced in Figure 18, and the definition of the variables  $z_e$  in terms of the Kashaev type variables uses the same conventions as introduced in Section 2.2 above.

An operator  $T_{12}^{(1)}$  satisfying (52) can be constructed in the following form

$$T_{12}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ f_+(\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}_2) - if_-(\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}_2) \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \right] e^{-i\pi \mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{q}_2}. \quad (53)$$

The operator  $T_{12}^{(1)}$  is unitary and satisfies (52) if  $f_{\pm}(x) := e_R(x) \pm e_{NS}(x)$  with  $e_{NS}(x)$  and  $e_R(x)$  being special functions satisfying  $|e_{NS}(x)| = 1$  and  $|e_R(x)| = 1$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , together with the functional relations

$$\begin{aligned} e_R\left(x - \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2}\right) &= (1 + ie^{\pi b^{\pm 1}x}) e_{NS}\left(x + \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2}\right), \\ e_{NS}\left(x - \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2}\right) &= (1 - ie^{\pi b^{\pm 1}x}) e_R\left(x + \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Functions  $e_{NS}(x)$  and  $e_R(x)$  satisfying these properties can be constructed as

$$e_R(x) = e_b\left(\frac{x + i(b - b^{-1})/2}{2}\right) e_b\left(\frac{x - i(b - b^{-1})/2}{2}\right), \quad (54)$$

$$e_{NS}(x) = e_b\left(\frac{x + c_b}{2}\right) e_b\left(\frac{x - c_b}{2}\right), \quad (55)$$

where  $e_b(x)$  is Faddeev's quantum dilogarithm function defined by the following integral representation

$$e_b(x) = \exp \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}+i0} \frac{dw}{w} \frac{e^{-2ixw}}{4 \sinh(wb) \sinh(w/b)} \right], \quad (56)$$

Some details on the verification of the quantised coordinate transformations (52) are given in appendix C.

As a useful tool for describing the definition of the remaining operators  $T_{12}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 2, \dots, 8$ , we will introduce an operator  $M_v : \mathcal{H}_v \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_v$  representing the change of orientations  $\mu_v$  in an undotted triangle shown in the figure 13. The operators  $M_v$  are defined by our leg numbering notation from the operator  $M$  on  $\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$  represented by the matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (57)$$

The operator  $M_v$  squares to identity  $M_v^2 = \text{id}_v$  and acts on the odd invariant as

$$M_v^{-1} \cdot \xi_v \cdot M_v = -\xi_v. \quad (58)$$

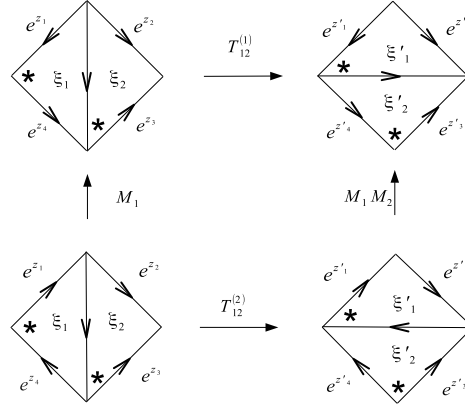
One should note that the operation  $\mu_v$  relates Kasteleyn orientations describing inequivalent spin structures, in general.

It is easy to see that the flips  $\omega_{12}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 2, \dots, 8$  can be represented as compositions of the flip  $\omega_{12}^{(1)}$  with operations  $\mu_v$ . We will define the corresponding operators  $T_{12}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 2, \dots, 8$  by taking the corresponding product of the operators

$M_v$  with the operator  $T_{12}^{(1)}$ . To give an example, let us note that the flip  $\omega^{(2)}$  can be represented by the sequence of operations shown in figure 19. This leads us to define the operator  $T_{12}^{(2)}$  as

$$T_{12}^{(2)} = M_1 M_2 T_{12}^{(1)} M_1. \quad (59)$$

All other operators  $T_{12}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 3, \dots, 8$  associated to the flips  $\omega^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 3, \dots, 8$  can be defined in this way.



**Fig. 19.** By using operators  $M$  we can find the map between the second superflip and the first one

The operations considered up to now were associated to triangles that do not have corners marked with dots. As noted above, one may always locally reduce to this case by using the push-out operation. The push-out  $\beta$  will be represented by an operator  $B_{uv} : \mathcal{H}_u \otimes \mathcal{H}_v \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_u \otimes \mathcal{H}_v$  defined as follows

$$B_{uv} = \text{id}_u M_v. \quad (60)$$

With the help of the operator  $B_{uv}$  one may now define all operators associated with the flips relating dotted triangles.<sup>10</sup>

We furthermore need to define operators  $\Pi_{(12)}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 8$  representing the exchange  $(uv)$  of labels assigned to two adjacent triangles when the Kastelyn orientation is the one of the initial configurations of the flips  $\omega_{12}^{(i)}$  depicted in

<sup>10</sup> To this aim one may, as described before, start with the case where the two triangles under consideration can be embedded into a sufficiently large triangulation, allowing us to remove all dots by push-outs. The result will be an operator that can be described as conjugation of the operators  $T_{12}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 8$  with the operators  $B_{uv}$ . It is easy to see that the resulting operators act trivially on all tensor factors that do not carry the labels 1 and 2 of  $T_{12}^{(i)}$ . The resulting definition can therefore be used even in the exceptional case of a one-punctured torus.



Figure 22. By using the operators  $M_v$  one may reduce the definition to the case  $i = 1$  in a way closely analogous to the definition of the  $T_{12}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 2, \dots, 8$  in terms of  $T_{12}^{(1)}$ . In order to define the operator  $\Pi_{(12)}^{(1)}$  let us represent  $\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$  as  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes \mathbb{C}^{1|1} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{1|1}$ , and let

$$\Pi_{(12)}^{(1)} = (P_b \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2)(\text{id} \otimes P_f), \quad \text{where} \quad P_f = (\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes M)(\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + \kappa \otimes \kappa), \quad (61)$$

with respect to this factorisation, where  $P_b$  acts on functions of two variables as  $P_b f(x_1, x_2) = f(x_2, x_1)$ . One may note that  $P_f$  is not the standard permutation operator on  $\mathbb{C}^{1|1} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{1|1}$  satisfying  $P_f(\eta_1 \otimes \eta_2)P_f = \eta_2 \otimes \eta_1$  for arbitrary  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^{1|1})$ . However, the operator  $P_f$  squares to the identity and satisfies  $P_f(\xi \otimes \mathbb{I}_2)P_f = \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \xi$  and  $P_f(\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \xi)P_f = \xi \otimes \mathbb{I}_2$ . This means that the operator  $P_f$  correctly represents the permutation on the sub-algebra of  $\text{End}(\mathbb{C}^{1|1} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{1|1})$  generated by  $\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \xi$  and  $\xi \otimes \mathbb{I}_2$ . This is the algebra of operators on  $\mathbb{C}^{1|1} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{1|1}$  relevant for the quantisation of the super-Teichmüller theory. The reason for adopting a non-standard representation of the permutation on this sub-algebra will become clear when we discuss the relations of the super Ptolemy groupoid.

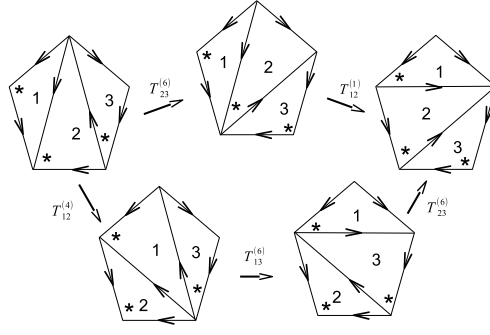
We finally need to define an operator  $A_v$  representing the move rotating the distinguished vertex of a dotted triangle as shown in figure 4. The operator  $A_v : \mathcal{H}_v \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_v$  will be defined as

$$A_v = e^{i\pi/3} e^{-i3\pi q_v^2/2} e^{-i\pi(p_v + q_v)^2/2} \mathbb{I}_2. \quad (62)$$

It may be interesting to note that the flip operators  $T_{12}^{(i)}$  have an interpretation within the representation theory of the Heisenberg double of the quantum super plane, which we plan to describe in a forthcoming publication. The flip operator  $T_{12}^{(1)}$  is found to coincide with the canonical element of the Heisenberg double of the quantum super plane (which is a Borel half of  $U_q(\text{osp}(1|2))$ ), evaluated in certain infinite-dimensional representations on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathbb{C}^{1|1}$ .

*4.3. Quantum super Ptolemy groupoid.* We are now going to describe essential steps in the verification that the operators defined previously generate a representation of the super Ptolemy groupoid.

Of particular interest are the generalisations of the pentagon relation. Using the push-out operation one can always reduce to relations involving only undotted triangles. As noted previously, one needs to check the following set of



**Fig. 20.** One of the superpentagon equations

relations,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{12}^{(1)} T_{23}^{(1)} &= T_{23}^{(1)} T_{13}^{(1)} T_{12}^{(1)}, & T_{12}^{(6)} T_{23}^{(2)} &= T_{23}^{(2)} T_{13}^{(1)} T_{12}^{(6)}, \\
 T_{12}^{(5)} T_{23}^{(8)} &= T_{23}^{(8)} T_{13}^{(5)} T_{12}^{(5)}, & T_{12}^{(6)} T_{23}^{(7)} &= T_{23}^{(7)} T_{13}^{(6)} T_{12}^{(6)}, \\
 T_{12}^{(2)} T_{23}^{(1)} &= T_{23}^{(1)} T_{13}^{(2)} T_{12}^{(2)}, & T_{12}^{(8)} T_{23}^{(8)} &= T_{23}^{(1)} T_{13}^{(8)} T_{12}^{(8)}, \\
 T_{12}^{(4)} T_{23}^{(5)} &= T_{23}^{(5)} T_{13}^{(5)} T_{12}^{(4)}, & T_{12}^{(5)} T_{23}^{(3)} &= T_{23}^{(3)} T_{13}^{(4)} T_{12}^{(6)}, \\
 T_{12}^{(3)} T_{23}^{(4)} &= T_{23}^{(7)} T_{13}^{(3)} T_{12}^{(2)}, & T_{12}^{(7)} T_{23}^{(7)} &= T_{23}^{(4)} T_{13}^{(7)} T_{12}^{(8)}, \\
 T_{12}^{(1)} T_{23}^{(6)} &= T_{23}^{(6)} T_{13}^{(6)} T_{12}^{(4)}, & T_{12}^{(7)} T_{23}^{(2)} &= T_{23}^{(5)} T_{13}^{(2)} T_{12}^{(7)}, \\
 T_{12}^{(5)} T_{23}^{(6)} &= T_{23}^{(3)} T_{13}^{(7)} T_{12}^{(6)}, & T_{12}^{(3)} T_{23}^{(5)} &= T_{23}^{(2)} T_{13}^{(8)} T_{12}^{(3)}, \\
 T_{12}^{(1)} T_{23}^{(3)} &= T_{23}^{(6)} T_{13}^{(3)} T_{12}^{(7)}, & T_{12}^{(4)} T_{23}^{(4)} &= T_{23}^{(4)} T_{13}^{(4)} T_{12}^{(1)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{63}$$

One may first observe that all of these relations follow from the pentagon equation that involves only  $T^{(1)}$ . As an example let us consider the pentagon equation represented by Figure 20, corresponding to the equation

$$T_{12}^{(6)} T_{23}^{(2)} = T_{23}^{(2)} T_{13}^{(1)} T_{12}^{(6)}.$$

Using the relations between  $T^{(1)}$  and other flips, we can rewrite it

$$(M_2 T_{12}^{(1)} M_1 M_2)(M_2 M_3 T_{23}^{(1)} M_2) = (M_2 M_3 T_{23}^{(1)} M_2) T_{13}^{(1)} (M_2 T_{12}^{(1)} M_1 M_2),$$

which is just a pentagon for  $T^{(1)}$ , given the fact that  $M_1 M_2 T_{12}^{(i)} M_1 M_2 = T_{12}^{(i)}$  for all  $i$ .

In order to verify the pentagon equation for  $T^{(1)}$  one may reduce it by straightforward calculations to the validity of the following identities

$$f_+(p)f_+(x) = f_+(x)f_+(x+p)f_+(p) - if_-(x)f_-(x+p)f_-(p), \tag{64a}$$

$$f_+(p)f_-(x) = -if_+(x)f_-(x+p)f_-(p) + f_-(x)f_+(x+p)f_+(p), \tag{64b}$$

$$f_-(p)f_+(x) = f_+(x)f_+(x+p)f_-(p) - if_-(x)f_-(x+p)f_+(p), \tag{64c}$$

$$f_-(p)f_-(x) = if_+(x)f_-(x+p)f_+(p) - f_-(x)f_+(x+p)f_-(p), \tag{64d}$$

with  $x$  and  $p$  being self-adjoint operators satisfying the relations

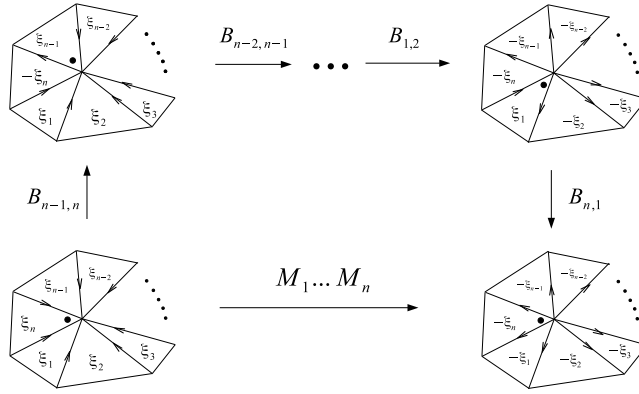
$$[p, x] = \frac{1}{i\pi}.$$

The relations (64) follow from integral identities satisfied by the special functions  $e_{NS}(x)$  and  $e_R(x)$  that were derived in [23], see Appendix A.3 for details.

Another relation of the quantum Ptolemy groupoid corresponds to the operator relation

$$B_{n,1}B_{1,2}\dots B_{n-1,n} = M_1M_2\dots M_n, \quad (65)$$

for all  $n \geq 2$ , which comes from the figure 21, where we consider a collection of hexagons meeting in the same vertex (a collection of vertices in  $S^{1|1}$  that project to the same point in  $\mathbb{P}^{1|1}$ ). Then, we can move the dot around this vertex until we arrive at the same hexagon, and then relate this hexagonalisation to the initial one by reversing the orientation on the edges. This relation is an easy consequence of the definitions.



**Fig. 21.** Relation for push-out

Further relations involve both flips and push-outs. It suffices to consider relations involving only triangles with one dot as other cases can be reduced to this one using push-outs. We found that the following relations between operators  $T_{23}^{(i)}$  and  $T_{23}^{(j)}$  for different values of  $i$  and  $j$  are satisfied:

$$(T_{23}^{(i)})^{-1}B_{43}B_{32}B_{21} = B_{42}B_{21}(T_{23}^{(j)})^{-1}, \quad (66a)$$

where  $(i, j) = (5, 8), (8, 5), (6, 7), (7, 6), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 4), (4, 3)$ , together with

$$T_{23}^{(i)}B_{43}B_{32}B_{21} = B_{43}B_{31}T_{23}^{(j)}, \quad (66b)$$

where  $(i, j) = (5, 4), (4, 5), (1, 6), (6, 1), (7, 2), (2, 7), (3, 8), (8, 3)$ .

Another set of relations involves the operators  $T_{34}^{(i)}$  and  $T_{12}^{(j)}$  associated to two different pairs of triangles:

$$T_{34}^{(i)} B_{23} (T_{12}^{(j)})^{-1} (B_{23})^{-1} = B_{24} (T_{12}^{(j)})^{-1} (B_{24})^{-1} T_{34}^{(i)}, \quad (67a)$$

$$(T_{34}^{(i)})^{-1} B_{13} T_{12}^{(j)} (B_{23})^{-1} = B_{13} T_{12}^{(j)} (B_{23})^{-1} (T_{34}^{(i)})^{-1}, \quad (67b)$$

$$(T_{34}^{(i)})^{-1} B_{23} (T_{12}^{(j)})^{-1} (B_{23})^{-1} = B_{23} (T_{12}^{(j)})^{-1} (B_{23})^{-1} (T_{34}^{(i)})^{-1}, \quad (67c)$$

$$T_{34}^{(i)} B_{13} T_{12}^{(j)} (B_{23})^{-1} = B_{14} T_{12}^{(j)} (B_{24})^{-1} T_{34}^{(i)}, \quad (67d)$$

where the  $i, j, k, l, m = 1, \dots, 8$  depends on the Kasteleyn orientation of the graph from which the relation has been derived. Examples of these relations are represented diagrammatically in figures 16 and 17, with decorated vertices assigned appropriately. All the relations (67) can be reduced to the obvious identity  $T_{34}^{(i)} T_{12}^{(i)} = T_{12}^{(i)} T_{34}^{(i)}$ .

We finally need to discuss the relations of the super Ptolemy groupoid involving the operator  $A$ . We find that the following relations are satisfied

$$A_1^3 = \text{id}_1, \quad (68a)$$

$$A_2 T_{12}^{(i)} A_1 = A_1 T_{21}^{(i)} A_2, \quad (68b)$$

$$T_{21}^{(j)} A_1 T_{12}^{(k)} = \zeta_s A_2 A_1 \Pi_{(12)}^{(k)}, \quad (68c)$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, 8$ ,  $(j, k) = (4, 1), (7, 2), (2, 3), (5, 4), (8, 5), (3, 6), (6, 7), (1, 8)$ , and  $\zeta_s = e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}} e^{-i\pi(1+c_b^2)/6}$ . The proof of relations (68a) and (68b) is almost identical to the case of ordinary Teichmüller theory. The details on the proof of (68c) can be found in Appendix D. It is the operator  $\Pi_{(12)}^{(1)}$  defined in equation (61) which appears in (68c) for  $i = 1$ , explaining why we adopted this definition for  $\Pi_{(12)}^{(1)}$ .

## 5. Conclusions and outlook

In this work we constructed a quantisation of the Teichmüller theory of super Riemann surfaces. The independence of the resulting quantum theory with respect to changes of triangulations was demonstrated by constructing a unitary projective representation of the super Ptolemy groupoid.

There is a number of issues which would be interesting to investigate. It is known that ordinary Teichmüller theory is closely related to non-supersymmetric Liouville theory [1]. In particular, the spaces of Liouville conformal blocks and the spaces of states of Teichmüller theory of Riemann surfaces can be identified as predicted in [24] and they carry unitarily equivalent representations of the mapping class group. In the case of  $N = 1$  supersymmetric Liouville theory, the mapping class group representation attached to surfaces of genus 0 has been investigated [25, 26]. It would be interesting to study more closely the mapping class group representation defined by the representation of the super Ptolemy groupoid constructed in our paper, and to relate it to  $N = 1$  supersymmetric Liouville theory.

Moreover, ordinary Teichmüller theory is the connected component of the space of  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ -valued flat connections on a Riemann surface  $\Sigma$ , and therefore

closely related to  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ -Chern-Simons theory on  $\Sigma \times \mathbb{R}$ . It should be interesting to investigate the connections between the quantum super Teichmüller theory described here and the quantum  $OSp(1|2)$ -Chern-Simons theory.

## A. Special functions

*A.1. Non-compact quantum dilogarithm.* The basic special function that appears in the context of the quantisation of the Teichmüller space is Barnes' double Gamma function. For  $\Re x > 0$  it admits an integral representation

$$\log \Gamma_b(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \left[ \frac{e^{-xt} - e^{-\frac{Q}{2}t}}{(1 - e^{-tb})(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{b}})} - \frac{\left(\frac{Q}{2} - x\right)^2}{2e^t} - \frac{\frac{Q}{2} - x}{t} \right],$$

where  $Q = b + \frac{1}{b}$ . One can analytically continue  $\Gamma_b$  to a meromorphic function defined on the entire complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . The most important property of  $\Gamma_b$  is its behavior with respect to shifts by  $b^\pm$ ,

$$\Gamma_b(x + b) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} b^{bx - \frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma_b(bx)} \Gamma_b(x) \quad , \quad \Gamma_b(x + b^{-1}) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} b^{-\frac{b}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma_b(\frac{x}{b})} \Gamma_b(x) . \quad (69)$$

These shift equation allows us to calculate residues of the poles of  $\Gamma_b$ . When  $x \rightarrow 0$ , for instance, one finds

$$\Gamma_b(x) = \frac{\Gamma_b(Q)}{2\pi x} + O(1). \quad (70)$$

From Barnes' double Gamma function we can build two other important special functions,

$$S_b(x) = \frac{\Gamma_b(x)}{\Gamma_b(Q - x)}, \quad (71)$$

$$G_b(x) = e^{-\frac{i\pi}{2}x(Q-x)} S_b(x). \quad (72)$$

We shall often refer to the function  $S_b$  as double sine function. The  $S_b$  function is meromorphic with poles and zeros in

$$S_b(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = Q + nb + mb^{-1}, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} ,$$

$$S_b(x)^{-1} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -nb - mb^{-1}, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} .$$

From its definition and the shift property of Barnes' double Gamma function it is easy to derive the following shift and reflection properties of  $G_b$ ,

$$G_b(x + b) = (1 - e^{2\pi i b x}) G_b(x) , \quad (73)$$

$$G_b(x) G_b(Q - x) = e^{\pi i x(x - Q)} . \quad (74)$$

The Faddeev's quantum dilogarithm function is defined by the following integral representation

$$e_b(x) = \exp \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}+i0} \frac{dw}{w} \frac{e^{-2ixw}}{4 \sinh(wb) \sinh(w/b)} \right], \quad (75)$$

and it is related to the double sine function as follows

$$e_b(x) = AG_b^{-1} \left( -ix + \frac{Q}{2} \right), \quad (76)$$

where

$$A = e^{-i\pi(1-4c_b^2)/12}, \quad c_b = iQ/2. \quad (77)$$

The shift and reflection relations that it satisfies are as follows

$$\begin{aligned} e_b \left( x - \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2} \right) &= (1 + e^{2\pi b^{\pm 1}x}) e_b \left( x + \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2} \right), \\ e_b(x) e_b(-x) &= e^{-i\pi(1+2c_b^2)/6} e^{i\pi x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The asymptotic behaviour of the function  $e_b$  along the real axis

$$e_b(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & , x \rightarrow -\infty \\ e^{-i\pi(1+2c_b^2)/6} e^{i\pi x^2} & , x \rightarrow +\infty \end{cases} \quad (78)$$

Also, we know that for self-adjoint operators  $P, X$  such that  $[P, X] = \frac{1}{2\pi i}$  we have the following variant of the pentagon relation

$$e_b(P) e_b(X) = e_b(X) e_b(X + P) e_b(P). \quad (79)$$

The pentagon equation is equivalent to the following analog of the Ramanujan summation formula [27–29]

$$\int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{d\tau}{i} e^{2\pi i \tau \beta} \frac{G_b(\tau + \alpha)}{G_b(\tau + Q)} = \frac{G_b(\alpha) G_b(\beta)}{G_b(\alpha + \beta)}. \quad (80)$$

It may also be considered as a quantisation of the Rogers five-term identity satisfied by dilogarithms.

*A.2. Supersymmetric non-compact quantum dilogarithm.* When discussing the supersymmetric Teichmüller theory we need the following additional special functions

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_1(x) &= \Gamma_{NS}(x) = \Gamma_b \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \Gamma_b \left( \frac{x+Q}{2} \right), \\ \Gamma_0(x) &= \Gamma_R(x) = \Gamma_b \left( \frac{x+b}{2} \right) \Gamma_b \left( \frac{x+b^{-1}}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, let us define

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(x) &= S_{\text{NS}}(x) = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{NS}}(x)}{\Gamma_{\text{NS}}(Q-x)}, & G_1(x) &= G_{\text{NS}}(x) = \zeta_0 e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}x(Q-x)} S_{\text{NS}}(x), \\ S_0(x) &= S_{\text{R}}(x) = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{R}}(x)}{\Gamma_{\text{R}}(Q-x)}, & G_0(x) &= G_{\text{R}}(x) = e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} \zeta_0 e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}x(Q-x)} S_{\text{R}}(x), \end{aligned} \quad (81)$$

where  $\zeta_0 = \exp(-i\pi Q^2/8)$ . As for  $S_b$ , the functions  $S_0(x)$  and  $S_1(x)$  are meromorphic with poles and zeros in

$$\begin{aligned} S_0(x) &= 0 \Leftrightarrow x = Q + nb + mb^{-1}, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, m+n \in 2\mathbb{Z}+1, \\ S_1(x) &= 0 \Leftrightarrow x = Q + nb + mb^{-1}, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, m+n \in 2\mathbb{Z}, \\ S_0(x)^{-1} &= 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -nb - mb^{-1}, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, m+n \in 2\mathbb{Z}+1, \\ S_1(x)^{-1} &= 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -nb - mb^{-1}, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, m+n \in 2\mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

As in the previous subsection, we want to state the shift and reflection properties of the functions  $G_1$  and  $G_0$ ,

$$G_\nu(x + b^{\pm 1}) = (1 - (-1)^\nu e^{\pi i b^{\pm 1} x}) G_{\nu+1}(x), \quad (82)$$

$$G_\nu(x) G_\nu(Q-x) = e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}(\nu-1)} \zeta_0^2 e^{\frac{\pi i}{2}x(x-Q)}. \quad (83)$$

We define the supersymmetric analogues of Faddeev's quantum dilogarithm function as

$$e_{\text{R}}(x) = e_b \left( \frac{x + i(b - b^{-1})/2}{2} \right) e_b \left( \frac{x - i(b - b^{-1})/2}{2} \right), \quad (84)$$

$$e_{\text{NS}}(x) = e_b \left( \frac{x + c_b}{2} \right) e_b \left( \frac{x - c_b}{2} \right). \quad (85)$$

These functions are related to the double sine function as follows,

$$e_\nu(x) = A^2 G_\nu^{-1} \left( -ix + \frac{Q}{2} \right), \quad (86)$$

where the constant  $A$  has been defined in eq. (77). The shift and reflection relations that it satisfies are as follows

$$\begin{aligned} e_{\text{R}} \left( x - \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2} \right) &= (1 + ie^{\pi b^{\pm 1} x}) e_{\text{NS}} \left( x + \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2} \right), \\ e_{\text{NS}} \left( x - \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2} \right) &= (1 - ie^{\pi b^{\pm 1} x}) e_{\text{R}} \left( x + \frac{ib^{\pm 1}}{2} \right), \\ e_{\text{NS}}(x) e_{\text{NS}}(-x) &= e^{i\pi c_b^2/2} e^{-i\pi(1+2c_b^2)/3} e^{i\pi x^2/2}, \\ e_{\text{R}}(x) e_{\text{R}}(-x) &= e^{i\pi/2} e^{i\pi c_b^2/2} e^{-i\pi(1+2c_b^2)/3} e^{i\pi x^2/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Asymptotically, the functions  $e_1$  and  $e_0$  behave as

$$e_{\text{NS}}(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & , x \rightarrow -\infty \\ e^{i\pi c_b^2/2} e^{-i\pi(1+2c_b^2)/3} e^{i\pi x^2/2} & , x \rightarrow +\infty \end{cases} \quad (87)$$

$$e_{\text{R}}(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & , x \rightarrow -\infty \\ e^{i\pi/2} e^{i\pi c_b^2/2} e^{-i\pi(1+2c_b^2)/3} e^{i\pi x^2/2} & , x \rightarrow +\infty \end{cases} \quad (88)$$

Let us finally note that the functions  $G_\sigma(x)$  satisfy the following integral identities derived in [23],

$$\sum_{\sigma=0,1} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{d\tau}{i} (-1)^{\rho_\beta \sigma} e^{\pi i \tau \beta} \frac{G_{\sigma+\rho_\alpha}(\tau+\alpha)}{G_{\sigma+1}(\tau+Q)} = 2\zeta_0^{-1} \frac{G_{\rho_\alpha}(\alpha) G_{1+\rho_\beta}(\beta)}{G_{\rho_\alpha+\rho_\beta}(\alpha+\beta)}, \quad (89)$$

which will be a key ingredient of the proof of the pentagon equations (63) given below.

*A.3. The superpentagon equation.* In the main text it has been noted that the pentagon equations (63) can be reduced to the identities

$$f_+(P)f_+(X) = f_+(X)f_+(X+P)f_+(P) - if_-(X)f_-(X+P)f_-(P), \quad (90a)$$

$$f_+(P)f_-(X) = -if_+(X)f_-(X+P)f_-(P) + f_-(X)f_+(X+P)f_+(P), \quad (90b)$$

$$f_-(P)f_+(X) = f_+(X)f_+(X+P)f_-(P) - if_-(X)f_-(X+P)f_+(P), \quad (90c)$$

$$f_-(P)f_-(X) = if_+(X)f_-(X+P)f_+(P) - f_-(X)f_+(X+P)f_-(P), \quad (90d)$$

satisfied by the functions  $f_\pm(x) = e_R(x) \pm e_{NS}(x)$  of self-adjoint operators  $P, X$  with commutation relations  $[P, X] = \frac{1}{\pi i}$ . In this appendix we will explain how the identities (90) can be derived from the integral identities (89). To this aim it will be convenient to write the identities (89) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \int dx e^{-\pi i x(u+c_b)} \left( \frac{e_{NS}(x+c_b)}{e_{NS}(x+v)} + \frac{e_R(x+c_b)}{e_R(x+v)} \right) &= 2\chi_0 \frac{e_{NS}(v+u+c_b)}{e_{NS}(v)e_{NS}(u)}, \\ \int dx e^{-\pi i x(u+c_b)} \left( \frac{e_{NS}(x+c_b)}{e_{NS}(x+v)} - \frac{e_R(x+c_b)}{e_R(x+v)} \right) &= 2\chi_0 \frac{e_R(v+u+c_b)}{e_{NS}(v)e_R(u)}, \\ \int dx e^{-\pi i x(u+c_b)} \left( \frac{e_{NS}(x+c_b)}{e_R(x+v)} + \frac{e_R(x+c_b)}{e_{NS}(x+v)} \right) &= 2\chi_0 \frac{e_R(v+u+c_b)}{e_R(v)e_{NS}(u)}, \\ \int dx e^{-\pi i x(u+c_b)} \left( \frac{e_{NS}(x+c_b)}{e_R(x+v)} - \frac{e_R(x+c_b)}{e_{NS}(x+v)} \right) &= 2\chi_0 \frac{e_{NS}(v+u+c_b)}{e_R(v)e_R(u)}, \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

where  $\chi_0 = e^{-i\pi(1-c_b^2)/6}$ . Taking the limit  $v \rightarrow -\infty$  we can obtain the Fourier transforms

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_+(u) &= \int dx e^{-\pi i x u} (e_R(x) + e_{NS}(x)) = e^{-i\pi c_b u} \frac{2\chi_0}{e_{NS}(u-c_b)} = \\ &= 2\chi_0^{-1} e^{-i\pi u^2/2} e_{NS}(c_b - u), \\ \tilde{f}_-(u) &= \int dx e^{-\pi i x u} (e_R(x) - e_{NS}(x)) = -e^{-i\pi c_b u} \frac{2\chi_0}{e_R(u-c_b)} = \\ &= 2i\chi_0^{-1} e^{-i\pi u^2/2} e_R(c_b - u). \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can consider the matrix elements of the operators  $f_r(X)f_s(P+X)$  between (generalised) eigenstates  $\langle p|$  and  $|p'\rangle$  of the operator  $P$  with eigenvalues  $p$  and  $p'$ , respectively:

$$\Xi_{rs} = \langle p|f_r(X)f_s(P+X)|p'\rangle,$$



for  $r, s = +, -$  and  $[P, X] = \frac{1}{i\pi}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle p|f_r(X)f_s(P+X)|p'\rangle &= \int dp'' \langle p|f_r(X)|p''\rangle \langle p''|f_s(P+X)|p'\rangle = \\ &= \int dp'' e^{i\pi(p''^2 - p'^2)/2} \tilde{f}_r(p - p'') \tilde{f}_s(p'' - p'),\end{aligned}$$

where we used the identity between the matrix element of an arbitrary function  $g$  and its Fourier transform  $\tilde{g}$

$$\langle p|g(X)|p'\rangle = \tilde{g}(p - p'),$$

and the fact that

$$g(X+P) = e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}P^2} g(X) e^{-\frac{i\pi}{2}P^2}.$$

Let us consider in detail the case  $r = +, s = +$ . Then we can write, using equation (91),

$$\begin{aligned}\Xi_{++} &= \int dp'' e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}(p''^2 - p'^2)} \frac{e_{NS}(p' - p'' + c_b)}{e_{NS}(p - p'' - c_b)} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{2}(p'' - p')^2} e^{-i\pi c_b(p - p'')} = \\ &= e^{-i\pi c_b(p - p')} \int dx e^{-i\pi x(p' + c_b)} \frac{e_{NS}(x + c_b)}{e_{NS}(x + p - p' - c_b)} = \\ &= \chi_0 e^{-i\pi c_b(p - p')} \frac{1}{e_{NS}(p - p' - c_b)} \left( \frac{e_{NS}(p)}{e_{NS}(p')} + \frac{e_R(p)}{e_R(p')} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$f_+(X)f_+(X+P) = e_{NS}(P)f_+(X)e_{NS}^{-1}(P) + e_R(P)f_+(X)e_R^{-1}(P).$$

If one repeats the calculations for other possibilities, one finds

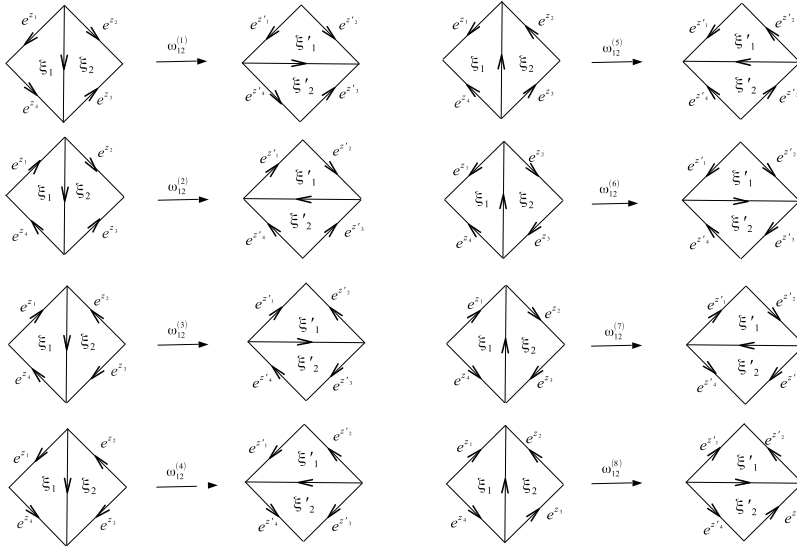
$$\begin{aligned}f_-(X)f_-(X+P) &= -i(e_{NS}(P)f_+(X)e_{NS}^{-1}(P) - e_R(P)f_+(X)e_R^{-1}(P)), \\ f_+(X)f_-(X+P) &= -i(e_R(P)f_-(X)e_{NS}^{-1}(P) - e_{NS}(P)f_-(X)e_R^{-1}(P)), \\ f_-(X)f_+(X+P) &= e_R(P)f_-(X)e_{NS}^{-1}(P) + e_{NS}(P)f_-(X)e_R^{-1}(P).\end{aligned}$$

Combining these relations one can easily obtain the system (64) which was observed to imply the pentagon equation satisfied by  $T_{12}^{(1)}$ .

## B. Superflips

The superflip is a map which relates two different ways of triangulating a quadrilateral. In the case of super Teichmüller theory, the triangles here should be interpreted as dotted triangles, that is hexagons with Kasteleyn orientations. As we discussed in the main text, it is enough to consider flips between quadrilaterals with no dots, since one can remove dots by the action of push-outs. However, that still means that there are different ways of assigning Kasteleyn orientations to the long edges — in fact, one has 8 possible ways to do that. In figure 22 we present the full list of all of the possible superflips.

When considering Kashaev type coordinates it is necessary to use the decorated version of dotted triangulations. In the case of the quadrilaterals relevant for the flip map, decorated vertices should be chosen always as in figure 18.



**Fig. 22.** Superflips for quadrilaterals without dots; cases 1-8

### C. Quantised flip $\mathsf{T}^{(1)}$

In this section, we present the transformations of the quantised shear coordinates under the flip that is given by the map  $\mathsf{T}^{(1)}$ . For the quadrilaterals on the figure 18, the even shear coordinates assigned to the edges are expressed as the operators on the  $(L^2(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathbb{C}^{1|1})^{\otimes 2}$

$$Z_e = e^{2\pi b(q_v - p_v + p_w)} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad Z'_e = e^{2\pi b(-q_v + q_w - p_w)} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad (92)$$

$$Z_1 = e^{2\pi b p_v} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad Z'_1 = e^{2\pi b p_v} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad (93)$$

$$Z_2 = e^{2\pi b(q_w - p_w)} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad Z'_2 = e^{2\pi b(q_v - p_v)} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad (94)$$

$$Z_3 = e^{-2\pi b q_w} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad Z'_3 = e^{-2\pi b q_w} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad (95)$$

$$Z_4 = e^{-2\pi b q_v} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad Z'_4 = e^{2\pi b p_w} \mathbb{I}_2, \quad (96)$$

and the odd coordinates

$$\xi_1 = \sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \kappa \otimes \mathbb{I}_2, \quad \xi'_1 = \sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \kappa \otimes \mathbb{I}_2, \quad (97)$$

$$\xi_2 = \sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \kappa, \quad \xi'_2 = \sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \kappa. \quad (98)$$

Those operators satisfy the algebraic relations as follows

$$[Z_e, Z_1] = (1 - q^{-4})Z_e Z_1, \quad (99)$$

$$[Z_e, Z_2] = (1 - q^{+4})Z_e Z_2, \quad (100)$$

$$[Z_e, Z_3] = (1 - q^{-4})Z_e Z_3, \quad (101)$$

$$[Z_e, Z_4] = (1 - q^{+4})Z_e Z_4, \quad (102)$$

$$[Z_1, Z_4] = (1 - q^{-4})Z_1 Z_4, \quad (103)$$

$$[Z_2, Z_3] = (1 - q^{+4})Z_2 Z_3, \quad (104)$$

$$[Z_1, Z_2] = [Z_1, Z_3] = [Z_2, Z_4] = [Z_3, Z_4] = 0, \quad (105)$$

$$[Z_\alpha, \xi_i] = 0, \quad (106)$$

$$\{\xi_1, \xi_2\} = 0, \quad (107)$$

$$\{\xi_i, \xi_i\} = 2\sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}}1 \otimes 1. \quad (108)$$

Setting  $q = e^{i\hbar/4}$  one can see that those commutation relations reproduce the classical Poisson bracket given by equation (32).

As an example, let us consider the transformation of the even variable  $Z'_1 = e^{2\pi b z'_1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathsf{T}_{vw}^{(1)-1} Z'_1 \mathsf{T}_{vw}^{(1)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} e^{\pi b \mathbf{p}_v} [(e_{\text{NS}}^{-1}(u + ib) + e_{\text{R}}^{-1}(u + ib))\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - i(e_{\text{R}}^{-1}(u + ib) - e_{\text{NS}}^{-1}(u + ib))\kappa \otimes \kappa] \times \\ & \times [(e_{\text{NS}}(u - ib) + e_{\text{R}}(u - ib))\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - i(e_{\text{R}}(u - ib) - e_{\text{NS}}(u - ib))\kappa \otimes \kappa] e^{\pi b \mathbf{p}_v} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^{\pi b \mathbf{p}_v} \{ [e_{\text{NS}}^{-1}(u + ib)e_{\text{NS}}(u - ib) + e_{\text{R}}^{-1}(u + ib)e_{\text{R}}(u - ib)]\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + \\ & - i[e_{\text{R}}^{-1}(u + ib)e_{\text{R}}(u - ib) - e_{\text{NS}}^{-1}(u + ib)e_{\text{NS}}(u - ib)]\kappa \otimes \kappa \} e^{\pi b \mathbf{p}_v} = \\ &= e^{\pi b \mathbf{p}_v} \left\{ [1 + e^{2\pi b(\mathbf{q}_v + \mathbf{p}_w - \mathbf{q}_w)}]\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + (q^{-\frac{1}{2}} - q^{\frac{1}{2}})e^{\pi b(\mathbf{q}_v + \mathbf{p}_w - \mathbf{q}_w)}\kappa \otimes \kappa \right\} e^{\pi b \mathbf{p}_v} = \\ &= Z_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ (1 + Z_e)\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + (q^{-\frac{1}{2}} - q^{\frac{1}{2}})Z_e^{\frac{1}{2}}\kappa \otimes \kappa \right\} Z_1^{\frac{1}{2}} = \\ &= Z_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ (1 + Z_e)\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - Z_e^{\frac{1}{2}}\xi_1\xi_2 \right\} Z_1^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we denoted  $u = \mathbf{q}_v + \mathbf{p}_w - \mathbf{p}_v$  and used two times the shift relation of the quantum dilogarithm

$$\begin{aligned} e_{\text{R}}(x - ib) &= (1 - i(q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}})e^{\pi b x} + e^{2\pi b x})e_{\text{R}}(x + ib), \\ e_{\text{NS}}(x - ib) &= (1 + i(q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}})e^{\pi b x} + e^{2\pi b x})e_{\text{NS}}(x + ib). \end{aligned}$$

We can obtain the transformation property of the odd variable  $\xi'_1$

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{vw}^{(1)-1} Z_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi'_1 T_{vw}^{(1)} &= \sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}} T_{vw}^{(1)-1} (e^{\pi b p_v} \kappa \otimes \mathbb{I}_2) T_{vw}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}} e^{\pi b p_v} \times \\
&\times [(e_{\text{NS}}^{-1}(u + ib) + e_{\text{R}}^{-1}(u + ib)) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - i(e_{\text{R}}^{-1}(u + ib) - e_{\text{NS}}^{-1}(u + ib)) \kappa \otimes \kappa] \times \\
&\times [(e_{\text{NS}}(u) + e_{\text{R}}(u)) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - i(e_{\text{R}}(u) - e_{\text{NS}}(u)) \kappa \otimes \kappa] \kappa \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 = \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}} e^{\pi b p_v} \{ [e_{\text{NS}}^{-1}(u + ib) e_{\text{R}}(u) + e_{\text{R}}^{-1}(u + ib) e_{\text{NS}}(u)] \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + \\
&- i[e_{\text{R}}^{-1}(u + ib) e_{\text{NS}}(u) - e_{\text{NS}}^{-1}(u + ib) e_{\text{R}}(u)] \kappa \otimes \kappa \} \kappa \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 = \\
&= \sqrt{q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}} e^{\pi b p_v} \left\{ \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - q^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{\pi b (q_v + p_w - p_v)} \kappa \otimes \kappa \right\} \kappa \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 = \\
&= Z_1^{\frac{1}{2}} (\xi_1 + q^{\frac{1}{2}} Z_e^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_2) = Z_1^{\frac{1}{4}} (\xi_1 + Z_e^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_2) Z_1^{\frac{1}{4}}.
\end{aligned}$$

In this case we used the shift property of the quantum dilogarithm as well. In the analogous way, one can obtain the transformation properties of the rest of Fock variables in question.

#### D. Super permutation

In this section we provide a computation of one of the super Ptolemy relations (68c) for  $(j, k) = (4, 1)$ , which involves the operator  $\Pi^{(1)}$  permuting our observables. Explicitly, we consider the relation

$$\zeta_s \Pi_{(12)}^{(1)} = A_2^{-1} A_1^{-1} T_{21}^{(4)} A_1 T_{12}^{(1)}. \quad (109)$$

The relation between two superflips is as follows

$$T_{12}^{(4)} = M_1 M_2 T_{12}^{(1)} M_2. \quad (110)$$

Let us denote  $\alpha = q_1 + p_2 - q_2$  and  $\beta = q_2 + p_1 - q_1$ . Using that, the flips are expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{12}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2} [(e_{\text{R}}(\alpha) + e_{\text{NS}}(\alpha)) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - i(e_{\text{R}}(\alpha) - e_{\text{NS}}(\alpha)) \kappa \otimes \kappa] e^{-\pi i p_1 q_2}, \\
T_{21}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2} [(e_{\text{R}}(\beta) + e_{\text{NS}}(\beta)) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + i(e_{\text{R}}(\beta) - e_{\text{NS}}(\beta)) \kappa \otimes \kappa] e^{-\pi i p_2 q_1}.
\end{aligned}$$

In addition, let's recall that  $A$  acts on  $p$  and  $q$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
A^{-1} q \mathbb{I}_2 A &= (p - q) \mathbb{I}_2, \\
A^{-1} p \mathbb{I}_2 A &= -q \mathbb{I}_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Using those formulae, we can evaluate the right hand side of equation (109)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{RHS} &= \frac{1}{4} A_2^{-1} A_1^{-1} M_2 M_1 [(e_R(\alpha) + e_{NS}(\alpha)) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + i(e_R(\alpha) - e_{NS}(\alpha)) \kappa \otimes \kappa] \times \\
&\quad \times M_1 e^{-\pi i p_1 q_2} A_1 [(e_R(\beta) + e_{NS}(\beta)) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - i(e_R(\beta) - e_{NS}(\beta)) \kappa \otimes \kappa] e^{-\pi i p_1 q_2} = \\
&= \frac{1}{4} A_2^{-1} M_2 [(e_R(q_2 - p_1) + e_{NS}(q_2 - p_1)) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - i(e_R(q_2 - p_1) - e_{NS}(q_2 - p_1)) \kappa \otimes \kappa] \times \\
&\quad \times [(e_R(p_1 - q_2) + e_{NS}(p_1 - q_2)) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 - i(e_R(p_1 - q_2) - e_{NS}(p_1 - q_2)) \kappa \otimes \kappa] \\
&\quad \times e^{-\pi i p_2 (p_1 - q_1)} e^{-\pi i p_1 q_2} = \\
&= \frac{1}{2} A_2^{-1} M_2 [(e_{NS}(q_2 - p_1) e_{NS}(-q_2 + p_1) + e_R(q_2 - p_1) e_R(-q_2 + p_1)) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + \\
&\quad - i(-e_{NS}(q_2 - p_1) e_{NS}(-q_2 + p_1) + e_R(q_2 - p_1) e_R(-q_2 + p_1)) \kappa \otimes \kappa] \times \\
&\quad \times e^{-\pi i p_2 (p_1 - q_1)} e^{-\pi i p_1 q_2} = \\
&= \frac{1}{2} e^{i\pi c_b^2/2} e^{-\pi(1+2c_b^2)/3} A_2^{-1} M_2 [(e^{i\pi(-q_2+p_1)^2/2} + i e^{i\pi(-q_2+p_1)^2/2}) \mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + \\
&\quad - i(-e^{i\pi(-q_2+p_1)^2/2} + i e^{i\pi(-q_2+p_1)^2/2}) \kappa \otimes \kappa] e^{-\pi i p_2 (p_1 - q_1)} e^{-\pi i p_1 q_2} = \\
&= \frac{1+i}{2} e^{i\pi c_b^2/2} e^{-i\pi(1+2c_b^2)/3} M_2 [\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + i \kappa \otimes \kappa] \times \\
&\quad \times \underbrace{A_2^{-1} e^{i\pi(-q_2+p_1)^2/2} e^{-\pi i p_2 (p_1 - q_1)} e^{-\pi i p_1 q_2}}_{e^{-i\pi/3} e^{i\pi/2} P_b} = \\
&= e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{-i\pi(1+c_b^2)/6} M_2 [\mathbb{I}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_2 + \kappa \otimes \kappa] P_b = \zeta_s P_f P_b = \zeta_s \Pi_{12}^{(1)} = \text{LHS},
\end{aligned}$$

which gives us the left hand side of the formula.

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